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The Spectator

"Older than the New York Times"

Task Force suggests student life changes

by Alexandra Sear '05
MANAGING EDITOR

In an all-campus email this past Monday, November 15, President Joan Hinde Stewart announced the final report from the Task Force on Academic and Student Life. According to the report, the Task Force was formed to "consider ways of integrating and coordinating the work of the Division of Student Life and the work of the Office of the Vice President and Dean of the Faculty."

The main recommendation coming from the Task Force's report is the restructuring of the Division of Student Life by adding a new senior officer position, that of the Vice President for Student Affairs/Dean of the College. Other recommendations include reassigning duties and potentially restructuring the Dean of the Faculty office, establishing first-year only residence halls, renaming the On-Campus Planning Committee and increasing its duties, and exploring the possibility of designating residential theme houses.

Two of these issues are already in the works, and the others are only suggestions. President Stewart said that "the two recommendations from the task force that I expect to implement immediately are the search for a Vice President for Student Affairs/Dean of the College and the first-year housing initiative."

According to Meredith Bonham, Executive Assistant to the President, Stewart "plans to announce the VPSA/DOC search committee in the coming weeks, with the hope of having a person in place by the beginning of the 2005-06 academic year." Acting Dean of Students Nancy Thompson has also already started work on establishing all-first-year housing starting next August.

Professor of Mathematics Richard Bedient chaired the task force. The other members were Elihu Root Peace Fund Associate Professor of Women's Studies Vivyan Adair, Assistant Professor of Philosophy Marianne Janack, Professor of Music Rob Kolb, Bonham, Associate Dean of the Faculty Kirk Pillow, Staff Assistant for Advising Ann Burns, Mark Castro '05, Director of

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Adair wins Prof of the Year

by Emma Furman '07
NEWS EDITOR

Each year, the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching and the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) select exceptional undergraduate professors nationwide to receive both U.S. and State Professors of the Year Awards. This year, Hamilton's Elihu Root Peace Fund Associate Professor of Women's Studies, Vivyan Adair, was selected from almost 400 outstanding professors across the state to be named the 2004 New York State Professor of the Year.

This prestigious award program was established in 1981 by the CASE foundation to recognize and honor professors nationwide who exemplify dedication to higher learning and involvement with their students. The following year the Carnegie Foundation joined the program and became a co-sponsor.

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Associate Professor of Women's Studies Vivyan Adair.

Adair was both incredibly surprised and honored upon receiving the news that she had won. She stressed how much respect and admiration she has for Hamilton's entire faculty, and what an honor it was to be "selected to represent Hamilton in the competition."

"I think it's amazing that all of the faculty at Hamilton are such great scholars and so dedicated to their students," she added.

According to the Carnegie Foundation's website, winners are chosen based on their exceptional devotion to teaching in four different areas, "impact on and involvement with undergraduate students; scholarly approach to teaching and learning;

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GLBT Task Force to improve acceptance

by Daniel Bleeker '06
PRODUCTION EDITOR

Acting Dean of Students Nancy Thompson announced the creation of Hamilton's first Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgendered task force this week, charged with addressing and improving issues of sexuality and acceptance throughout the college community.

Composed of faculty, administrators and students, the commission will hold a series of public and private meetings throughout the next semester and will make its recommendations to Thompson before spring break.

According to Thompson and the chair of the committee, Associate Dean of Faculty Kirk Pillow "The idea for the task force came out of an open meeting of the Rainbow Alliance held in October...That meeting followed on the homophobic incidents that occurred on campus earlier in the semester, but ranged across much broader issues."

The members of the task force themselves were appointed by Thompson on the basis of recommendations from across the campus.

"I tried to include diverse representation of constituencies and departments," Thompson explained.

As imagined by Thompson, the goal of the task force is to "explore issues and concerns for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender students and employees at Hamilton, and recommend ways that the institution and community can address their concerns."

Pillow agrees: "Hamilton is on the whole a very friendly, supportive and comfortable place to work for its many gay and lesbian employees. Life is more difficult here for students. Many straight students are supportive of the GLBT student body, but many others range from indifferent to judgmental to outright hostile. What can be done to change the hostility from some, and generally what can de done to encourage Hamilton to be a gay-friendly community at

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PHOTO BY NICK LUND '05

Students participate in HAVOC's Hunger Week. See story, page 2.

College criticizes *Chronicle* article

Hamilton officials call compensation story misleading

by Kathleen McGrory '05
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

College officials are criticizing a recent issue of the *Chronicle of Higher Education* that reports former President Eugene M. Tobin's 2003 compensation, calling the information presented "misleading."

A special section in the November 19 *Chronicle* entitled "Executive Compensation" probed the compensation of both public and private university presidents throughout the United States. An article within the section reported that Tobin had received over $1.14 million in compensation for the 2003 Fiscal Year, making his compensation the highest of all college presidents.

Eugene Tobin.

The *Chronicle*, however, did not bill Tobin as the highest-paid university president. According to the report, because the $1.14 million figure included the deferred portion of a severance package – a package that will not be fully paid until June of 2005 – Tobin's unusually high compensation was really a technicality. The title of private-university president with top annual compensation was given to William R. Brody, president of Johns Hopkins University, whose 2003 university compensation totaled to $897,786.

Nevertheless, Chairman of the Board of Trustees Stuart Scott found the article to be less than forward. "The *Chronicle* failed to make clear to the casual reader that the annual compensation is really only about a third of that figure," said Scott on Monday

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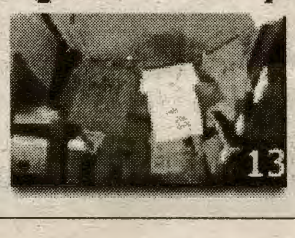

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Hunger Week kicks off with 30-hour fast

HAVOC raises world hunger awareness

by Jenny Brown '07
NEWS WRITER

Nothing raises hunger awareness better than a 30-hour food fast. Twenty HAVOC participants had this notion in mind when they kicked off Hunger Awareness Week with a fast that began last Sunday at noon and ended Monday at 6 p.m.

"By six o'clock we were all so hungry," said Natalie Tarallo '08, who was in charge of organizing the fast committee. "But, when we arrived at the Chapel at six for dinner we knew it was important to discuss our experiences with hunger so we could really appreciate the meal we were about to eat."

"I think everyone is aware that hunger exists. People just need to be reminded of it," Tarallo said. "Students need to know that it is a problem that goes on outside the Hill, but there are things we can do it about here."

HAVOC's mission this week was to make students not only aware of the problem, but to show them how they could make a difference, Tarallo said.

Hunger Awareness Week comprised of multiple other events that focused on raising awareness and helping to fight hunger. Sharon Hakim '06 and Margaret Ito '06 coordinated the Hunger Banquet, open to the Hamilton community, which took place in the Hub Wednesday night.

Upon entering the Hub, coordinators randomly assigned cards to participants that allocated them to the high, middle or low class. The banquet proceeded to exemplify a real-life scenario by catering the participants' meal according to their social class. The "low-class" participants sat on the floor and ate rice-like food from a trough without water. "Middle-class" participants sat at a table and

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SA makes amendments to student election procedures

by Greta Rosenberger '07
NEWS EDITOR

The Constitution Committee recently approved an amendment to the By-Laws of the Student Assembly to allow for electronic voting in choosing Student Assembly representatives. The amendment passed by a unanimous vote of all those present at the November 4 meeting.

According to the record of amendments which were attached to the email containing the minutes of the November 4 meeting, the new process of electronic voting will enable students studying abroad to vote in student elections. Previously, students abroad were permitted to run for an office that they would fill upon their return to Hamilton, but were excluded from voting in the election itself.

This idea has been in the minds of student leaders as a way to draw voters for some time, says Student Assembly President Liz Dolan '05: "The Student Assembly foresees that the move to electronic voting will draw a significantly higher voter turn-out among students currently on (and off) campus. Jeff Long and I made this an ultimate goal for our 2004 term. We both believe that that online voting is a logical progression and an obvious upgrade from the traditional and primitive paper ballot method."

PHOTO BY ALEX FU '06

Student Assembly debates the new electronic voting system.

Michael Blasie '07, Student Assembly Elections Chairman, also comments on the advantages of the new approach to voting: "In the past by going abroad you waived your right to vote. This system will allow students to vote from anywhere in the world. It should also help students who live off campus or on the outskirts of campus, who may not pass by Beinecke everyday. Additionally, it will aid students who have a packed course schedule and daily schedule and do not have time to vote. Now they will have 24 hours to vote. The amendment record states that "Upon recommendation of the Elections Committee, the Central Council may, by majority vote, authorize any Student Assembly election to be conducted

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College hosts Constitution and War on Terrorism Conference

by Whitney Kimmel '08
NEWS WRITER

Starting Thursday, November 11 and running through Saturday the 13, the Bristol Center hosted three seminars, a formal dinner, a key note speech and a panel discussing "the Constitution and the War on Terrorism".

Professor Frank Anechiarico and John Adams '06 organized the conference for a select group of students from Hamilton, Colgate and West Point Academy.

The main purpose of the conference was to discuss the "balances that are needed to be struck in the [political] arena. Whether we're talking about detainees, POWs or combatants, the Patriot Act and how it modifies the Fourth Amendment, protections against unreasonable searches and procedures, or when we're talking about the Constitution and covering the activities of American service people and diplomats around the world, they all require a careful sense of balance and I think we were able to come to some very useful conclusions about where those balances are created," says Anechiarico.

The convention was held in response to a similar function at West Point last year. However, according to Anechiarico, "this time we made it somewhat more specific than it was at West Point. We focused not just on the law as it is broadly constructed, but on the United States Constitution and how it effects the world and the War on Terrorism."

The conference involved seminars given by representatives from each of the colleges, a key note speech given by Dr. Gordon Smith and a panel on the future of war making powers, open to general discussion. The first seminar was led by Col. John Bickers of West Point and was on "whether or not the Constitution followed the flag around the world," discussing American's obligations to the Constitution even outside the United States' borders. Professor Robert Martin from the government department at Hamilton gave the second seminar, discussing the status of detainees under the Constitution in regard to the current war on Terrorism.

The third seminar was delivered by Professor Stanley Brubaker from Colgate. As a representative of the political science department, he lectured on the Patriot Act and its relation to the Fourth Amendment.

The small number of participants and exploratory topics of the seminars were geared to

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Hamilton wins recycling award

by Jessica Tepper '07
NEWS WRITER

As evident by the sweeping presence of bins, signs, and environmental pledges throughout campus, recycling is certainly in the air this semester at Hamilton. The quantity of material recycled by the campus has increased 4 percent from the levels in 2003–a rise significant enough to grant Hamilton College the 2004 Recycling Champion's Award by the Oneida–Herkimer Solid Waste Authority.

Luke Thornblade '07, a member of both the Hamilton Environmental Action Group (HEAG) and the Recycling Task Force comments on this new wave of environmental feat. "The major factor contributing to the recent success in recycling at Hamilton is, on the whole, a newfound interest. I would say that the class of 2008 came to the hill with the impression that recycling was important to people here, and have perpetuated that mindset with typical underclass enthusiasm. I think that part of that success has been regular reminders from HEAG and also the incentives of the Recycling Task Force work study."

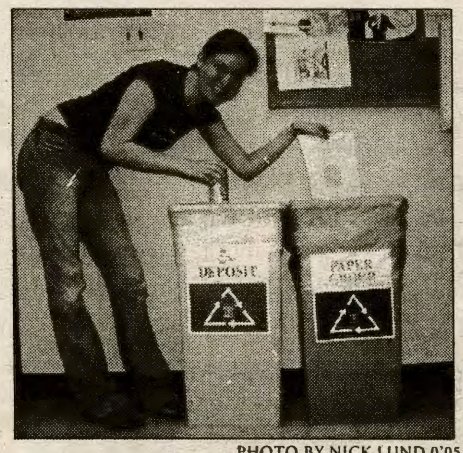

PHOTO BY NICK LUND 0'05

Allison Kerbel '05 demonstrates proper recycling procedure.

The efforts of these two on-campus groups have undoubtedly driven the current movement toward recycling. HEAG's considerable turnout in membership this year has given the student-run organization a louder voice on campus. The group's achievements thus far include organizing Green Week, collaborating with Bon Appetit to reduce the amount of paper products consumed in dining halls, participating in a dorm recycling monitor program, and lobbying for a full-time environmental coordinator.

Junior Alisha Fowler, Co-President of HEAG, comments on the organization's actions this semester. "HEAG is a large group this year, capable of working on more than one project at once while also continuing to focus on recycling as a major issue. The large group also means that students all around campus are publicly engaging in environmental awareness and this type of positive peer pressure may have beneficial results as well."

In the upcoming weeks HEAG will sell reusable travel mugs in an effort to turn people

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Task force invites community input

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large, is what the task force is charged with working on."

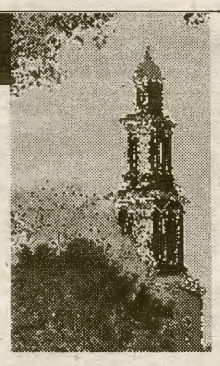
While the goals of the task force are clear, "It remains to be seen what programs or policies we might recommend," explains Pillow. "I think the first step, however, will be to collect information on student experiences at Hamilton."

While the task force has yet to do so, both Pillow and Thompson are certain that the group will invite ample community contributions to their deliberations. "Any student should feel free to share their ideas or concerns with any member of the task force," Thompson assures.

The members of the taskforce are comprised of member s of the faculty and student body, including Asociate Dean of Faculty Kirk Pillow, Associate Professor of Music Lydia Hamessley, Assistant Professor of Sociology Jenny Irons, Academic Office Assistant Heather Johnson, Assistant Director of Residential Life Bradley Moot, , Director of Student Health Services Christine Barnes, Tyler Zink '07 and Zakiya Lasley '07.

All are ready and willing to speak to students on any issue of care or concern related to the task force.

IVORY TOWERS



THE NEWS AT COLLEGES ACROSS THE LAND

Compiled by Dan Bleeker '06

District Scraps Alleged 'Cross-Dressing' Day

(AP) — A homecoming tradition in which boys dress like girls and vice versa in a tiny Texas school district won't be held Wednesday after a parent complained about what she regarded as the event's homosexual overtones.

As a substitute for "TWIRP Day," the schools ranging from elementary to senior high decided to hold "Camo Day" — with black boots and Army camouflage to be worn by everyone who wants to participate.

TWIRP, which stands for "The Woman Is Requested to Pay," was hosted by Spurger schools for years during Homecoming Week — to give boys and girls a chance to reverse social roles and let older girls invite boys on dates, open doors and pay for sodas.

Plano-based Liberty Legal Institute issued a news release Tuesday reporting that it "came to the aid of a concerned parent" over an "official cross-dressing day" in the school district 150 miles northeast of Houston.

"It is outrageous that a school in a small town in east Texas would encourage their 4-year-olds to be cross-dressers," Liberty Legal Institute attorney Hiram Sasser said in the release

Tanner T. Hunt Jr., the school district's attorney, called Sasser's statement "inflammatory and misleading." He said the district never planned or conducted a "cross-dressing day."

Girls Accused of Poisoning Classmates

MARIETTA, Georgia (AP) — Two seventh-grade girls were arrested on charges that they served poisoned cake at their middle school cafeteria to about a dozen students who became ill and had to be taken to the hospital.

Lawyers for the girls said the cake was a prank, and that they had no intention to harm anyone.

Lab tests showed the icing on the cornbread cake contained an expired prescription drug, bleach, clay and Tabasco sauce.

"They took it into the cafeteria at lunch time and began passing it out to students, just whoever would take a piece," said Jay Dillon, spokesman for the Cobb County School District in suburban Atlanta.

Some of the students started vomiting after eating the cake, officials said. Eleven of the students, mostly seventh graders, were treated at a hospital and released, Dillon said.

"There was some hysteria, from what I understand," Detective Dwayne Delk said.

The 13-year-old girls appeared Wednesday before a juvenile court judge who refused their attorneys' request to allow them to go home. The judge will reconsider the request on Friday.

Bush Names Spellings Education Secretary

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush on Wednesday named White House domestic policy adviser Margaret Spellings to be the nation's eighth education secretary. "The issue of education is close to my heart and on this vital issue there's no one I trust more than Margaret Spellings," Bush told her.

If confirmed by the Senate, Spellings would replace departing secretary Rod Paige in the Cabinet-level job of overseeing the Education Department.

Spellings, who was joined in the Roosevelt Room of the White House with her two daughters, became emotional as she accepted the post.

"I am a product of our public schools," she said as her voice started to crack. "I believe in America's schools, what they mean to each child, to each future president or future domestic policy adviser and to the strength of our great country."

To the president, Spellings delivers exactly what he expects from schools: results.

"We must ensure that a high school diploma is a sign of real achievement so that our young people have the tools to go to college and to fill the jobs of the 21st century," Bush said. "In all our reforms, we will continue to stand behind our nation's teachers who work so hard for our children."

WORLD NEWS

Compiled by Dan Bleeker '06

U.S. May Have Found Fallujah Militant Base

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — U.S. troops sweeping through Fallujah on Thursday found what appeared to be a command center used by followers of Jordanian terrorist Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, and a U.S. general expressed confidence the battle for the city has "broken the back of the insurgency."

A separate raid near the suspected command center uncovered a bomb-making workshop where an SUV registered in Texas was being converted into a car bomb and a classroom that held flight plans and instructions on shooting down planes, according to a CNN crew embedded with the U.S. Army.

Gunbattles still flared in Fallujah as troops hunted holdout insurgents five days after the military said its forces had occupied the entire city 40 miles west of Baghdad. One U.S. Marine and one Iraqi soldier were killed, U.S. officials said.

At a base outside Fallujah, Lt. Gen. John Sattler, commander of the 1st Marine Expeditionary Force, said the U.S. casualty toll in the Fallujah offensive stood at 51 dead and about 425 wounded. An estimated 1,200 insurgents have been killed, with about 1,025 enemy fighters detained, the military says.

Sattler told reporters he felt the U.S.-led attack on the city had dealt a serious blow to the insurgency.

Arafat's Diagnosis May Soon Be Revealed

LONDON (AP) — Nearly a week after his death, speculation still swirls around what killed Yasser Arafat. Cirrhosis of the liver, AIDS, a blood disorder and poisoning are frequently mentioned in unconfirmed reports - all consistent with the little that is publicly known about the medical condition that landed the Palestinian leader in a French hospital.

However, the mystery may soon be resolved: the French say they will hand Arafat's records to Nasser al-Kidwa - a relative, as required, but also the Palestinians' ambassador to the United Nations. Al-Kidwa is scheduled to fly to Paris on Friday to collect the medical files.

"The full medical report of President Arafat is a historical document for the Palestinian people," Hassan Abu Libdeh, the Palestinian Cabinet secretary, said Thursday. "We will get the report and the Palestinian Authority will take the necessary decisions, including informing the Palestinian people about the full details of the report."

Officials in Paris insist French law prevents them from making Arafat's medical records public, and they have refused to announce the cause of his death Nov. 11 in a hospital outside Paris. What little information they did release in the days preceding the death, they prefaced by saying it was being disclosed with the consent of Arafat's family.

Britain Outlaws Fox Hunting

LONDON (AP) — Britain outlawed fox hunting in England and Wales on Thursday as elected legislators won a dramatic standoff with the House of Lords to ban a popular country sport that is despised by many urbanites. Some hunting supporters vowed to defy the ban.

The years-long debate over outlawing a sport opponents see as simply cruel has been highly charged and deeply divisive. Scotland has previously outlawed hunting.

The chamber invoked the rarely used 1949 Parliament Act to force the ban into law despite the opposition of the unelected House of Lords. After the Lords rejected one last compromise gesture, to postpone the effective date until 2006, Speaker of the Commons Michael Martin announced the bill had been passed. The formality of royal assent followed within 45 minutes.

Proponents of fox hunting pledged to go to court to fight the ban, which takes affect in three months. "True civil disobedience is now on the horizon," John Jackson, chairman of the pro-hunting Countryside Alliance, said as the House of Commons voted.

Several hundred whistling, banner-waving hunting supporters gathered Thursday night outside Windsor Castle, where Queen Elizabeth II was staging a banquet in honor of French President Jacques Chirac.

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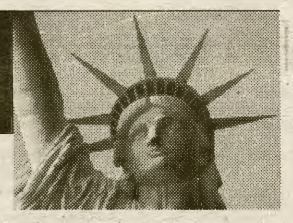

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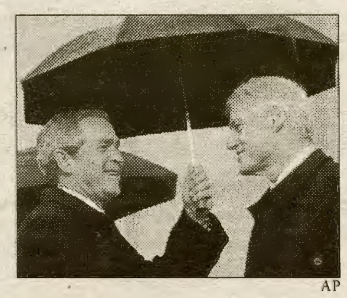
Clinton Unveils His 'Gift to the Future'

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — Bill Clinton, America's first baby boomer president, opened his library Thursday with a rock 'n' roll gala that hailed the $165 million glass-and-steel museum as "a gift to the future by a man who always believed in the future."



AP

Despite a steady, bone-chilling rain, nearly 30,000 people joined a celebration that included tributes from President Bush, his father and former President Carter. Rock stars Bono and The Edge of the band U2 performed a three-song set before Clinton spoke to a crowd that included dignitaries and ordinary folk. Poetry and gospel singing added a down-home flavor.

"The story that began in a little house on Hervey Street in Hope, Arkansas, inspires people from every background all over America," President Bush said of Clinton's rise from small-town beginnings to the White House.

The library celebrates eight years of peace and prosperity and dismisses Clinton's impeachment as a Republican vendetta. The 27-acre complex contains more than 80 million items, including 20 million e-mail messages - "Two of them mine!" Clinton said.

For Gay Marriage Ruling, Quiet Anniversary

BOSTON (AP) — The first anniversary of the court decision sanctioning gay marriage in Massachusetts was marked with little fanfare Thursday, but both sides in the controversy said it was simply the calm before a renewed political and legal storm.

Lawyers at Gay and Lesbian Advocates and Defenders, which represented the seven same-sex couples who filed the landmark lawsuit, are poised to appeal a second case to the Supreme Judicial Court on behalf of out-of-state gay couples who are currently barred from marrying here.

Conservative groups, heartened by the success of anti-gay marriage ballot questions in 11 states earlier this month, are retooling their local opposition to focus on the public schools, where they say teachers now feel free to promote gay issues.

Bus Stopped From Falling Off Bridge

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP) — Passengers stopped a charter bus from plunging nearly 200 feet off a bridge after the driver collapsed, apparently from a heart attack.

The bus was near the top of the Sunshine Skyway bridge Wednesday afternoon when Thomas Grove, 61, fell out of his seat, passengers and authorities said.

It slammed into the 3-foot concrete wall, which blocks vehicles from tumbling into Tampa Bay. Three of the five passengers jumped out of their seats and ran toward the front.

"Grab the wheel!" 70-year-old Kenneth McAllister recalled shouting to his wife, Mary, and another woman.

The women held the steering wheel until McAllister could slide into the driver's seat. He struggled to keep the bus in its lane and hit the brake. It stopped just before the highest part of the bridge.

The passengers - all unharmed - called 911 and Amtrak, which uses the bus to shuttle passengers from Fort Myers to Tampa. They spent another another 10 minutes in the bus because they didn't know how to open the door.

Two nurses driving by stopped to help, performing CPR on the driver. Grove, of Pinellas Park, died within hours at a hospital. Early reports suggested he may have had a heart attack, authorities said.

"It happened so fast," McAllister, of Bradenton, said from his cell phone aboard an Amtrak train to New York City late Wednesday. "We all felt so lucky to be alive."

Adair founded and directs Hamilton's ACCESS Program

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contributions to undergraduate education in the institution, community, and profession; and support from colleagues and former undergraduate students."

Adair certainly exemplifies each one of these categories, and while she praised her colleagues for their extraordinary dedication to their students, it is clear that she is the epitome of this devotion to her students.

"The thing that I love most [about teaching at Hamilton] is the opportunity to work with students," she said, and went on to discuss how she is currently writing an article with two of her students.

"I love my students. I think they're engaged, ethical, and really committed," Adair added.

It was some of Adair's own students who nominated her for the award, and she expressed the wish that all of her students could be there in Washington, D.C. to receive the New York State Teacher of the Year award with her. "I wish I could have brought all of my students here with me," she said.

Adair has been on the faculty of Hamilton for eight years, and commented on her love of teaching here: "I think it's an amazing place to be...I don't know that I ever want to leave."

According to her students, and Hamilton's faculty and administration, Adair is without a doubt part of what makes Hamilton such an amazing place to teach and learn.

"Vivyan is an exemplary teacher and a role model, an accomplished scholar, and a warm and caring individual," said President Joan Hinde Stewart in a press release. "She believes in the transformative nature of higher education because she has experienced it herself. As a result, she takes nothing for granted and asks for a similar commitment from her students. She is truly an inspiring teacher."

One of Adair's most notable contributions to Hamilton is her creation of Hamilton's ACCESS Project, a program to aid low-income parents in the area in receiving a higher education. The program allows them to take classes at Hamilton, and provides social services and support as well. Adair not only founded the program, but is currently also its director. "We started [the program] about four years ago," she said, and its goal has been to help residents of central New York gain access to higher education as well as "economic security."

So far about 100 students have received degrees through the program, according to Adair, many of who "go on to medical and graduate school."

Adair described the program's students as "fantastic people who work 35-40 hours a week and raise children on their own," and still find time to take classes at Hamilton "Friday afternoons and Saturday mornings."

Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of the Faculty David Paris commented extensively on the accomplishments of Adair's ACCESS Project in a letter he wrote nominating her for the award. "Professor Adair is one of those exceptional teachers who has literally transformed her own life and the lives of others through her work...She is best known for her development of the ACCESS program. Having realized the significance of education in getting her out of poverty, she has created a program of education here at Hamilton, coupled with other kinds of support...It is important to note that the program does not stand apart from her teaching and scholarship but is part and parcel of it. It involves teaching of students of all backgrounds, is a scholarly project that raises important issues for public policy and it is certainly a service to communities locally and nationally. Her development of ACCESS is testimony to her willingness to each and study and serve in the broadest sense."

Founding the ACCESS Program is only one of Adair's many outstanding achievements. She has also written 18 articles and book chapters, and is the author of *From Good Ma to Welfare Queen, a Genealogy of the Poor Woman in American Literature, Photography and Culture*, as well as the editor of *Reclaiming Class: Women, Poverty and the Promise of Education in America*.

Adair also commented on her devotion to the Women's Studies department at Hamilton. "I also think we have an amazingly strong Women's Studies program," she said, and went on to say how many students are "wait on waiting lists to take intro classes" each semester.

Adair is the third Hamilton professor to be recognized by the Carnegie Foundation and CASE. In 1997 William R. Kenan Professor of Geology Barbara Tewksbury was named New York Professor of the year, and in 1998 Professor of Chinese Hong Gang Jin was awarded the National Baccalaureate Professor of the Year Award.

Adair received her award in a luncheon ceremony yesterday in Washington, D.C., followed by a reception on Capitol Hill that same evening.

A reception will be held in her honor after the Thanksgiving break, on Wednesday, December 3 from 4 to 5:30 p.m. in the Dwight Lounge, giving students and faculty the opportunity to congratulate her on recieving this prestigious award.

Banquet, vegetarian dinner highlight week

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drank water with their rice and bean dinner. "High-class" participants enjoyed a four-course meal at a table set with a fancy décor.

"I have never seen Bon Apetit make a better meal then they did for the high-class participants!" Ito said.

A senior doing a hunger project opened the banquet with a speech about what she had learned in her own study. The speech and the banquet was welcomed by a large turnout. Ito said about 60 people participated.

"It's really important we get the message of hunger out there and raise awareness," Ito said. "There is life beyond the bubble of the hill!"

Ito said that the Hamilton community should be aware of hunger in even their local surroundings, like Clinton and Utica. Hunger Awareness tables have been in Beinicke all week handing out hunger statistics surveying the local areas.

In addition to these events, Haley Reimbold, the head of HAVOC, organized a panel that discussed the causes of global hunger Thursday night in the Red Pit. The panel speculated about the distribution and production of food as well as the role public policy plays in improving food security and hunger.

Participants included Xiomara Castro, who represented the Global Exchange. As a Salvadoran-American, Castro fought to end U.S. military intervention in El Salvador and later worked in the U.S. protecting the rights of immigrant and farm workers. As a union organizer, she aids refugees with legal services and healthcare. She is also a grassroots educator for youth in California and along the US/Mexico Border.

Government Professor Carol Drogus was also a panelist. At Hamilton she teaches the Sophomore Seminar "Food for Thought" and recently is working on a grant proposal for a grassroots hunger initiative in Utica. Global and local hunger-related issues interest Drogus, and she volunteers at various hunger salvage organizations.

Shelia McCarthy also joined the discussion from the Hunger Action Network of New York State. She has worked for the Hunger Action's Community Food department for over three years and provides technical assistant to Emergency Food Programs. McCarthy has participated and coordinated many other hunger out-reach and awareness programs.

Other Hunger Awareness events included a Brown Bag lunch and various other speakers.

Hunger Awareness Week left students pondering the lingering question Tarallo summarized "since there is enough food in the world to feed everyone, so why isn't everyone being fed?"

Government conference generates "lively discussion"

*from **Conference**, page 2*

address different opinions and perspectives. The closing panel, especially (on war making power), brought out many different opinions, often leading to "very lively discussion." Anechiarico feels that "everyone who participated learned a great deal, they really stretched themselves. The experts pushed us to think about everything in different ways."

Students unanimously commented on their support and enjoyment of the conference and the school hopes to continue this tradition. West point plans on hosting another, larger conference this spring and Hamilton hopes to host another conference sometime next year. Anechiarico also stated that he feels the Dean and the President's much appreciated support was "well placed and was justified. This got something going that we want to continue as it is an important part of the curriculum to have events like these."

Students encourage recycling

*from **Recycling**, page 2*

from the wasteful consumption of non-recyclable paper cups.

Fowler agrees that these paper cups are a major and avoidable source of garbage. She comments, "Every single student can do his or her part by using paper cups ONLY when leaving the dining halls and being mindful of how many cups he or she is using when getting a cup of coffee in the morning."

Also noteworthy is the new recycling website on the Hamilton homepage: www.hamilton.edu/college/recycling. This site documents the processes, successes, and future for recycling on the campus.

Yet despite these recent dramatic improvements, Hamilton still lingers in the shadow of the long-standing and comprehensive environmental programs of other small liberal arts schools like Middlebury and Colby Colleges.

Junior Ben Norland, Co-President of HEAG, observes, "A large part of the success of schools like those is tradition. They have been performing well for so long it's expected, and even the administrations take an active role. They have strong environmental studies programs, composting, and many avenues through which environmentally conscious behavior is encouraged."

Most other NESCAC schools employ full-time environmental coordinators who devote all of their energy to promoting green initiatives on campus. Despite several years of lobbying on the part of HEAG, Hamilton has yet to fill (or to create, for that matter) this crucial position.

Fowler notes on this issue, "The Task Force and members of HEAG are motivated and care a lot, but we are also full time students who do not have the time necessary to devote to a single cause (no matter how important)."

The administration clearly does not parallel the fervor of the students, whose passion has been the driving force for Hamilton's new recycling program. Norland comments, "What we lack is the institutionalized support of environmentally-friendly operation. The only support from the administration we are receiving is the payroll for the recycling interns and assistance in logistics like ordering lids or more blue bins. Don't get me wrong, that is huge and quite a remarkable venture by such a conservative administration, but this new recycling program is entirely student organized, operated, and directed. Hopefully they will see the good publicity as incentive to increase contributions and support."

Nonetheless, more and more students on the hill are recognizing the crisis of waste and finding passion in recycling. Sophomore HEAG member Alec Denton comments, "For me, recycling is a refreshing of the inner spirit, and a mode of connecting that spirit to its one true mother, the Earth, in a harmonious ebb and flow of life and recycled post-consumer waste."

According to Thornblade, who shares similar feelings, "recycling IS a way to connect ourselves, personally and as a community, to the world of sustainability. In my opinion, all major problems in economics, agriculture, business, government, and social politics can find a solution in the order of nature. Through sustainable living, we bring our level of impact to a minimum, and maximize the value in every action we take. Recycling reinforces that mindset and contributes to the feeble environmental crusade," he said.

Editorial
The Spectator

The Spectator
"Older than the New York Times"

Where did you live freshman year? Oftentimes at Hamilton, where you live truly defines your first-year experience on the hill, if not your entire college life. Where you live dictates where you hang out, where you chose to dine on-campus, and who you first meet. A majority of every freshmen class has lived in Dunham, South, North and Kirkland in recent years; thus, these freshmen quickly meet other first-year students and other members of the student body. As dark side dorms only house a small fraction of the freshmen class, many first-years go without meeting many classmates.

The discrepancy in social opportunity between light side and dark side dorms is only one of the many reasons that all-freshmen housing seems like a great idea for Hamilton College. It may get the freshmen class to meet one another, create a sense of unity among an incoming class, and limit underclassmen access to alcohol.

Many dorms have been suggested, including Milbank and Dunham. Since there is no dorm on campus large enough to house the entire freshmen class, more than one dorm on the Hamilton campus will be reserved for the first-year students.

But aren't we forgetting a few things here?

What about the serious lack of singles on this campus to begin with? By simply designating already existing dorms freshmen dorms, many freshmen will live in singles. Placing sophomores in Kirkland triples and allowing freshmen live in Milbank suites? The logic seems rather flawed.

Additionally, the timing for this endeavor seems to reveal poor facility planning on the College's part. The College just renovated Skenandoa; if the College wanted a dorm for freshmen, they should have considered this before designing another uppclassman dorm.

Most importantly, however, is the idea of Hamilton being a very activities-based, community-minded institution. By segregating freshmen, freshmen will be out of the community as a whole. What better way for first-year students to meet upperclassmen and become involved than to meet older students in their dorm? Upperclassmen oftentimes serve as mentors unknowingly, helping students chose classes and adjust to college life. The relationships that form between first-years and upperclassmen help students understand the idea of the "Hamilton community" almost immediately. If incoming first-year housing goes through, will there really be a Hamilton community, or just a stratified class structure?

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Task Force addresses "overtaxed" Dean of Students office

*from **Task**, page 1*

Counseling and Psychological Services Bob Kazin, Acting Dean of Students Nancy Thompson, and Associate Dean of Students (Academic) Christina Willemsen. According to Professor Bedient, the Task Force has met almost weekly for several hours at a time since its inception in April.

According to the report, the Task Force's large-scale concern about student life on the Hill was the Division of Student Life's "increasing independence from and non-involvement of the faculty," which contributed to a "tenuous connection between the residential and academic experiences of our students."

The reports call this a "problematic gap," one which Bedient says is primarily the result of an administration that "grew organically, with no thought to structure," over the past 30 years.

Associate Dean of the Faculty Kirk Pillow concurs, highlighting that "the current structure encourages us to think of academics and residential life as separate, when in fact, as a residential liberal arts college, the academic mission should be built into the fabric of residential life."

Bedient also said that the amounts of work and attention "demanded from the Dean of Students office from both students and parents have also increased over the years," leading the current structure overtaxed, with "not enough time to think the big thoughts" about new programming and activities.

The outcome will be a new senior officer position: a Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of the College (VPSA/DOC), parallel to the Dean of the Faculty and reporting directly to the President. This person would be primarily responsible for program development, long-term planning, and special projects relating to student life. The current Dean of Students position will maintain the same name, but be more responsible for dealing with students on a daily basis and, according to the report, "managing crisis moments."

The Task Force suggested that "it may be valuable for the VPSA/DOC to have faculty status," but that the best candidate may end up being be someone with solely student life experience. Bedient said that he thinks it would be good if the new VPSA came from an academic perspective, since "we need someone the faculty are going to respond to," as it is "important to have faculty on board" for the suggested changes to faculty involvement in student life. Mark Castro '05, the student representative on the Task Force, thinks that this new person will work closely with students as well as faculty, and will be a great asset to the student body. "We will have someone [at the senior level] directly responsible for the needs of students," Castro said.

Concurrent to the search for the VPSA, Nancy Thompson and the Division of student life have been looking into how first-year housing will work in the future. The report recommends a new residential structure for first-years, where "ideally, we would have cohorts of first-years sharing living space, a small course, and a faculty advisor."

The role of the RA would change in light of this, a change that Castro, an RA himself, sees as very productive. He said that the Task Force researched this kind of cohort program all summer, and "saw the benefits at other schools who have similar setups... The two groups [first-years and upperclassmen] require a very different residential approach," Castro said, with first-years "adjusting to the academic and social lifestyle" on the Hill and upperclassmen wanting "more privacy and freedom."

First-year housing is the only other suggestion that the College is acting on immediately. Professor Bedient stressed that "programming was not what we set out to do," and that the recommendations "are just that- things we think might work and should be looked into." President Stewart said that she is "pleased by the thoughtfulness of the document" and that while she "had not specifically anticipated the set of carefully interrelated programmatic and symbolic recommendations," the suggestions "give the report exceptional depth. "

One of the suggested programming changes is the possible establishment of theme houses. This is a project Associate Dean Pillow thinks will bring the offices of the Division of Student Life and the Dean of the Faculty together: "I think language housing should be the first priority, but other models maybe desirable. I hope theme houses will bring together students with shared interests so as to strengthen student focus on academic pursuits."

The report also included suggestions for giving faculty incentives to be better advisors, and looking into shifting some of the Associate Dean of the Faculty's tasks onto divisional deans in the arts or sciences so the Associate Dean can, according to the report, "focus attention on diversity initiatives."

The report also identified areas where the administration could be restructured to allow more people and time for College planning. The report suggests "that the President consider the possibility of dividing" the current Dean of the Faculty position "into two senior administrative positions: a VPAA/DOF and a person responsible for Planning and Research." The new VPSA position would also be involved in researching changes in student life. Castro thinks having offices to do this is absolutely necessary. He says that when the Task Force was researching other colleges, they came across "hundreds of different programs" that could work at Hamilton. "But someone has to have the time to look into and discuss these bigger issues," he stressed.

While many of the proposed changes may never be implemented, or be years in the future, the basis is there for change. President Stewart said that ultimately, both this and the Alcohol Coalition report from last spring "are connected in that they address improving the overall experience for Hamilton students. Although I cannot accurately predict what changes will take place, I believe that many of the programmatic recommendations will enhance student life on campus."

Article describes Tobin's compensation

*from **Chronicle**, page 1*

afternoon. "I've seen this happen before to other college presidents. They know that it is misleading, but they do it anyway."

According to Scott, accounting principles require that the College included the former president's severance pay as part of his total compensation for 2003 in order to "determine if the College was in the black or the red." Consequently, the compensation figure included much more than Tobin's salary for 2003. Without the severance pay, the compensation would have instead been around $300,000.

The Board of Trustees is responsible for determining the salary of Hamilton's president, and, when necessary, severance pay, Scott said.

"The Board has to act in a thoughtful manner when spending money that would otherwise be in the endowment," said Scott. "In this case, we wanted to be fair but we also do not want to be over the top."

In Scott's opinion, this particular compensation package was just that. "Given the time he had been here and the uncertainty of his future, we wanted to be able to compensate him adequately. Gene was a fine college president. In our biased opinion, he was one of the very best presidents in the country."

Added Scott, "We don't pretend that this is a science. The Board agreed on this compensation unanimously, though. It was a very fair figure."

The November 14, 2003 issue of the *Chronicle* listed Tobin as the ninth most highly compensated liberal-arts college president.

SA approves online voting

*from **Voting**, page 2*

electronically." Several precautions have been taken in order to ensure that this new method of voting is fair and relatively simple.

According to Blasie, "The elections will be just like the surveys Hamilton sends you to fill out. They will be multiple choice, restricted to only students who can cast one vote each, and come with a backup email system which sends anonymous emails to an email address after each person votes. There will also be a written backup ready to go if I or the Parliamentarian deems that there is a problem." Student Assembly Parliamentarian Sandy Webb '05 described the collaboration that was needed to conceive of and then create the new system: "The idea was that of Student Assembly Vice President Jeff Long. Mike Blasie, the Elections Chair, and I were asked to work out the details and make it happen. Mike designed the system and resolved the technical bugs with ITS and I developed a proposal to make it work under our constitution."

Blasie also mentioned the easier access to voting that this new electronic method ensures: "Students will receive an all-campus email with the election url and can vote from any computer they have access to at anytime for a 24 hour period. In addition, members of Student Assembly will be overseeing computers in Beinicke, near the mail center (where voting normally takes place) in order oversee problems and encourage active voting."

The plan for electronic voting must satisfy the criteria listed in the amendments: the voting rights of all students must be protected, students can only vote on questions posed to their class, protections are in place to prevent duplicate or fraudulent voting, sufficient time is allowed for computer errors to be resolved, no preliminary vote counts will be made during the voting period, and a contingency plan for an immediate revote is ready to be implemented in the event that data is lost, destroyed, or compromised.

Assuming the implemented plan complies with the above requirements, the December 2004 Student Assembly elections will be conducted via an online voting format on Tuesday December 7. If for some reason this plan should fail, students will return to the traditional method of voting via written ballots on Thursday December 9.

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Hamilton College Survivor Part II

Susan Rosenberg

by Britten Chase '05
I&I EDITOR

Anyone else feel like this Susan Rosenburg thing is getting a little out of hand?

I mention this only because I just finished watching the exclusive panel discussion on Hannity and Colmes (FOX News-yes children, we've gone national. We got a whole panel talking about us. Eat that, Colgate. Unfortunately, you know that when everyone tuned in, the collective first thought was "Hamilton College? Never heard of it"). Sean Hannity concluded that it happened because our school is located in the town of Clinton so obviously he pardoned her and got her a job in a town that is...you know...named Clinton.

Not to mention it turns out that since we hired her, it's also entirely our fault that US armed forces are being tried with abuses at Abu Gharib.

Huh.

I have to be very honest, as a person who tries to find humor in any situation, I am having a field day with this one. But it's all fun and games until you realize that this can do a whole lot of harm to the reputation of our college, and while that is still wildly hilarious, my parents (to whom I lovingly refer as Mr. and Mrs. Wallet) are less than amused.

My dad called me after he caught the very end of the bit on Fox News with a ton of questions. He thought that the campus was flipping out because this Rosenberg woman was running around campus naked, meanwhile there are students harboring 700 pounds of explosives and machine guns. I had to straighten him out; in fact the students are running around campus naked and our future professor Rosenberg has the ammo.

It's hard to keep straight all the press we've recently recieved.

Then there was that editorial in the New York Post. Granted, it's not the New York Times so no one really cares, but I had to wince when it was published in the national newspaper that the Dean of Faculty was not aware of what's going on. I know that if I was a neutral party in a distant land observing this situation, I would be thinking to myself, "Self, what exactly is going on up at that obscure little liberal arts school in the northeast?"

And the answer is not much.

Haha, just kidding, that's not the answer. The answer is that Susan Rosenberg was hired as the artist/activist-in-residence by the Kirkland Project, a touchy feely campus group that enjoys sharing feelings and putting movies on in KJ. And as we all know, anything that has to do with Kirkland is really it's own separatist party within the Hamilton College community and therefore is really not controlled by anyone. It's not taken all that seriously by anyone either. But now it's a national crisis, and the rest of the country may or may not be aware of the Kirkland Project and it's lack of significance to life as a whole.

I digress.

To sum up Susan Rosenberg in a nutshell (fabulous pun not intended but now fully appreciated... in fact for even more affect, put extreme emphasis on "nut"), she was a member of the Black Liberation Army??????? and was accused of driving a getaway car at some robbery where three people were killed. Those charges were dropped (pauses for collective "Whew!" from the Rabinowitzs) but then she was arrested later for having the 700 pounds of explosives and machine guns that my dad thought was being distributed to students. She served 17 years in prison where she apparently mended her ways by curing AIDS and making oragami swans which she gave to all the prison guards as Christmas presents. She was given a pardon by President Clinton in 2000, with her only instructions being to lay low for a few years and then begin to reindoctronate the youth...starting with Hamilton College, which as we all know is the center of the universe (the greatest universe ever(ooooooooh yeah)).

So, could Sean Hannity be right? Parents, could your child in fact be taught by a terrorist? I hate to bring the drama level from about a seven to about a four, but the answer is probably not. She is only teaching one class that is a quarter credit and only goes three weeks. Something on writing memoirs.

The rest of the time she has to devote to her "special" projects in the chem building.

Again, just kidding. But seriously. No one point her in the direction of the chem building.

In fact maybe we just shouldn't have any chemistry while she's here.

. To tell you the truth, the explosives don't even bother me that much. It's the machine guns I have an issue with. I don't know why that is. It's kind of a sad state of affairs when you reach the point in life that explosives no longer faze you. But I really feel that I do not want to be taught by someone who at one point in their life had machine guns in their possession and thought this was ok. I understand that she has mended her ways, but I feel like that only means she probably doesn't have machine guns anymore. And while I am a person who understands and appreciates low standards, I do expect a little more from my professors than the no-longer-bearer-of-machine-guns label. Although that is a good first step.

Seriously, it's a quarter credit memoir class. Isn't there anyone out there who is equally as talented at writing about themselves, just without the machine guns?

Ok, so no one may have been paying attention during the whole hiring of the activist-in-residence period, but before she gets here we still have a few questions to ask ourselves. "Selves, do we really want to punish someone for the rest of our lives? Aren't we hear to get an education from a broad group of people with a wide variety of backgrounds? But at the same time, are we safe if she is here? And even if we are, are we condoning her past behavior by bringing her into our community?" If you answered no, yes, yes, no, then enjoy your seminar with Professor Rosenberg.

Or, if you're like me, I bet the basement of KJ makes an excellent bomb shelter.

Thumbs Up Thumbs Down Who Cares?

-Clinton presidential library: Largest public porn collection east of L.A

-All freshman housing; one stop Friday night shopping

-Hunger Awareness Week: Making everyone feel better about eating disorders one day at a time.

-Tobin's salary: hey, we were paying for quality.

-Dogs: Like people without crippling emotional problems.

-Hamilton College administration: We've seen better human resource department departments at McDonalds

-Cell phones in the diner: We'd rather listen to Sasquatch sex

-Freshman: as cool as taking a dump in a wet suit

-Russian nuclear expansion: prepare for Cold War Part Deux

-Polite conversation with feminazis: As pleasurable as screwing a porcupine

by Ryan Burns '05, Lou Vaikus '05, and Jeff Friedman '05

-Hamilton recycling award: it's just one more way we're superior to Clinton Middle School

-Our school taking integrity notes from the New York Post: Like taking beauty tips from Janet Reno

-Freshman formals: You didn't get laid after prom, and you didn't get laid after this either.

-Any liquor that ain't Big Bear Malt Liquor

GOP Won, That's What Happened!

by Benjamin Noble '08
I&I CONTRIBUTOR

Since the Bush victory on Nov. 2, 2004, the liberals on the Hill have become increasingly negative, angry, and down right ludicrous. They have become deranged with loss. Absurd statements are being made everywhere by liberal students, professors and administrators. Some have been comical and others have been close to libel. One of the most disrespectful and incorrect statements that I've read was in Derek King's "What Happened to the Republican Party?" He and other naïve liberals believe that the Republican Party currently consists of "bigoted, ignorant, fiscally irresponsible, tax and spend, Southern Dixiecrat[s]." This is a grossly false simplification of the Republican Party.

Republicans are not Southern, racist, homophobic bigots. They are a diverse party that wholeheartedly believes in equality of opportunity and justice for all.

If Republicans were Southern Dixicrats, then Bush would not have made so many diverse appointments. Bush has appointed Attorney General Al Gonzalez, State Secretary Colin Powell, National Security Advisor Condoleezza Rice, Education Secretary Rod Paige, Labor Secretary Elaine Choe, and numerous other government officials and judges. Our President has formed one of the most diverse cabinets in all of U.S. history.

Liberals used Bush's refusal to speak at the NAACP national conference as evidence of supposed Republican racist bigotry. Bush did not meet with NAACP because they insult him on a daily basis. Why should he go to an organization that cannot stand him? Instead of going to the NAACP, Bush has gone to many other organizations that are for the advancement of minorities.

Another issue that liberals cite as proof of Republican bigotry is the opposition to gay marriage. Opposing gay marriage does not mean that you are a homophobic bigot. It just means that you believe that marriage is between a man and a woman. It also means that you believe that judges should not be undemocratically legislating from the bench. Regardless of their opposition to gay marriage, practically all Republicans, including Bush, are in favor of civil unions.

America is one of the most religious countries in the world. The left cringes when they hear that America was founded on Judeo-Christian values, but it is the truth. Our founding documents are filled with religious references. The left does not want to face the truth because they cannot handle the truth. Due to their inability to understand Christianity, they criticize it endlessly. They belittle and try to remove every sign of American Judeo-Christian ideals.

The intellectual elite and the liberal east and west coasts are the true bigots. The far-left have religious intolerance. They snobbishly look down on the Heartland of America, especially on Evangelical Christians. This may be surprising to students stuck in the liberal college bubble, but Hollywood is not the "heart and soul of America." Evangelical Christians are more the "heart and soul of America" than Barbara Streisand, Sean Penn, Whoppi Goldberg, Mike Moore and the rest of Hollywood.

The Republican Party did not achieve an overwhelming victory just because of Evangelicals. It is not because of some vast right-wing conspiracy filled with bigoted religious Southerners. Republicans may be a minority on the Hill, but that is not the case in the real world. The Republican Party is in the majority because Americans from both the North and South understand that Bush and the Republicans have the moral vision that is capable of defending our great nation in these troubling times. They also agree with Republican ideals of lower taxes for everyone, equality of opportunity, principle in a clear right and wrong, peace through strong defense and spreading GOD-GIVEN freedoms. Democrats need to understand this and move back to the political center or else they will never win another presidential election.

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Why pink triangles?

by Whitney Kimmel '08
ASSOCIATE I&I EDITOR

"What should I do with this?" "I thought it was the inverted symbol of the male. You know, like in the DiVinci Code ... the triangle symbolizes masculinity. Well, in this case inverted to indicate attraction to other men." "Does that mean the person living in there is gay?" "Where do you get them?" "I think it symbolizes gay and lesbian pride." "I thought they were supposed to be purple." "Does this make us a safe haven for students who feel threatened?"

"What are the pink triangles for?"

The campus responded to recent hate crimes by passing out pink triangle stickers to show tolerance and support of the GLBT community and protest homophobia on campus.

The problem is, no one knows what they are for, where to get them and, most importantly, what they actually symbolized.

The pink triangle originated as a symbol for gay pride after World War II. In Nazi Germany, prisoners at concentration camps were sorted into hierarchical groups by different colored triangles pinned to their arms. The pink triangle became the symbol for gay prisoners, today acting as a reminder of the history and strength of the GLBT community. The pink triangle denotes gay pride, overlapping pink and blue triangles symbolize the bisexual community, black for lesbians and burgundy to symbolize transgender.

The problem is, no one realizes the strength and history behind the symbol.

What good is a sticker that has no meaning to stop hate crimes on campus? The idea was a good one, but needed to be expanded on. A student can't support something they don't understand and, I fear, the pink triangle has become too much of a hollow symbol to raise anything but questions and a bit of fear as to what exactly a person is promoting by sticking it on his or her door. What was our duty as a campus to really embrace this idea? Shouldn't we have had seminars? Talked about this in class? Made a difference?

The problem is, no one even realized they were being passed out.

To really rally together for a cause, we need to first understand the history. The triangle isn't a phallic reference, it's not an indication of sexual preference, nor is it an open invitation for the site of the next Rainbow Alliance meeting. It symbolizes a rich history full of strife and promotes equality and tolerance.

So next time you see a pink triangle, remember:

This is someone's history. This is someone's lifestyle and beliefs. The triangle is merely an amicable symbol of cohabitation and support and these things should not be put at risk due to misinformation and lack of publicity. So tonight, when you see your RA, maybe you could pick up a triangle for that girl down the hall who faithfully shows her support for all members of the community and works hard to make sure everyone feels comfortable ... or maybe you could pick one up for yourself and do the same thing.

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Helpful Hints from your friends on the Campus Coalition on Alcohol

There are many misconceptions about what happens when you call for medical help because someone has had too much to drink. You should know that the College does not take disciplinary action against the intoxicated person or the people seeking help, although we may require that the intoxicated student participate in an educational program to ensure that this does not happen again. [Of course, other policy violations (ie. vandalism, assault, and disruptive behavior) may result in disciplinary action.]

There are also many misconceptions regarding how to care for a friend who has consumed a large amount of alcohol. To help you assess the situation and give you assistance in when to call the EMTs here are some basic guidelines:

* Never give a friend who is vomiting anything to drink. Although you may want to rehydrate your friend with water or other liquids, the body is trying to get rid of the alcohol still remaining in the digestive system and extra liquids will only increase the likelihood of additional vomiting and the potential of choking.
* Coffee, cold air, walking around, showers, etc. cannot sober a person up. The only way to reduce someone's level of intoxication is time. A general rule of thumb is that it takes the body one hour to process one drink (12oz beer at 5% alcohol, 5oz wine at 12% alcohol, 1.5oz of 80-proof liquor at 40% alcohol, 12oz wine cooler at 5% alcohol). However, this does vary by gender, body weight, food consumed before and during alcohol consumption, etc.
* If you are ever concerned about the welfare of a friend do not hesitate to call Campus Safety for the EMTs at x-4000. Please remember that the primary concern is for a student's safety and not for judicial repercussions. You will not get in trouble for getting a friend the help they need.

If you see a friend experiencing the following symptoms, call for help:

* Unconscious or semi-consciousness.
* Unable to maintain a conversation.
* Unaware of time, date, location, name, etc.
* Unable to walk or maintain balance.
* Slow respiration (breaths) of eight or less per minute or lapses between breaths of more than eight seconds.
* Cold, clammy, pale or bluish skin.

While you are waiting for help you should:

* Gently turn the intoxicated person on his/her side and maintain that position by placing a pillow in the small of the person's back. This is important to prevent aspiration (choking) should the person vomit.
* Stay with the person until medical help arrives.
* If a person appears to be "sleeping it off" it is important to realize that even though a person may be semi-conscious, alcohol already in the stomach may continue to enter the bloodstream and circulate throughout the body. The person's life may still be in danger. If you are having difficulty in determining whether an individual is severely intoxicated, contact Campus Safety and the EMTs immediately—you cannot afford to guess.

Call the EMTs: x4000 from a campus phone or 315-859-4000 from a cell phone.

Countdown to break
4 Days

by Liz Pinnie '08
I&I WRITER

The first semester of my freshman year is almost up...and it's been a great ride. New people, new surroundings and new experiences have all helped me grow, and I'm enjoying my time. But with Thanksgiving break on the horizon, I can't help but be ready for a little change.

I can't wait to go home and sleep in my bed. No more climbing up to the top bunk, your life in your weary hands every night as you scale your wooden fortress in hopes of a peaceful slumber- which you usually don't get. Snoring roommates, 2 am calls from boyfriends, four alarm clocks going off at all hours of the night...at home, none of this will be a problem. You can sleep suffocated by a sea of stuffed animals, leave your alarm clock going for as long as you can handle it, and you don't have to fear for the safety of your head every time you sit up (the top bunk is seriously lacking in perks). When you jump out of bed, you don't have to be Cat Woman to save yourself from twisting an ankle, and you can sink your feet into real carpet, instead of a dust bunny-ed floor. Sleep still in your eyes, you can stumble downstairs still in your p.j.'s, bare feet enjoying the feeling of a floor, body happy that it doesn't have to trek into the severe cold just for a bowl of cereal. Opening your fridge or pantry, there's no need to hand over a meal card or to use up bonus points if you forgot it (And remember the feeling of opening a real live fridge?). You can rock those bare feet all the way into the shower, or even-gasp!-take a bath. And there's no need to curb your dancing around in your room at home, or blasting your own music without shame. You don't need to scrounge for quarters to do your laundry, you don't need to stand in line for fifteen minutes to get dinner, you don't need a key to get into your room, you don't need to go to the library to have quiet. You don't need to line up six glasses of water with you when you sit down to eat, you don't need to remind yourself to eat your vegetables, you don't have a backpack permanently attached to you and you don't have to go through the health center to get a little TLC and medicine. At home, you can make real mac and cheese (you know, like from the box), you have control of the remote, the toilet paper is double thick and at least someone is perky and smiling when you wake up. You can drive a car, watch T.V. without guilt, stay home on a Saturday night, and sleep in on a Friday if you want to.

Trust me; I'm stoked about Hamilton, my home away from home. But drifting off and thinking about all the little things makes me excited for that very home that I've been away from.

Hamilton: it's an ok place

by Melissa Kong '08
I&I WRITER

Hamilton College has a small student population and rests on a hill in the quintessential little town of Clinton, NY. The geographic location and small student population makes it easy for students to get caught up the bubble of college life. So I was not surprised when I overheard someone saying, " Hamilton is a social box- people do the same thing every weekend and talk about trivial things that don't really matter to me." What did surprise me was hearing a friend who goes to Syracuse University, a college with five times the number of students that go to Hamilton, also complain about feeling trapped by the social scene and the mundaneness of conversations. Does my friend really believe that all 10,000 of her fellow peers do the same thing every single weekend, or never talk about anything that interests her? Even at a school with only 1800 students, that generalization is a stretch. This got me thinking: If students at both big universities and small liberal arts colleges feel there is a lack of social diversity, it should indicate a bigger problem that people aren't addressing. I think it proves that regardless of where you go to college, the town you wind up living in or the job you find yourself working at ten years from now, there will always be people who find it hard to break out of a routine. As a result, you are bound to find themselves in socially constraining situations at one point or another. In fairness to the people here who feel this way, Hamilton probably doesn't have the largest variety of options to choose from once Saturday night rolls around. And of course, there will always be people who only talk about things that don't matter. However, don't become a victim of the excuse that everyone does and talks about the same things all the time. That simply isn't true. If you feel like you know or have seen most of the students on this campus, Its probably safe to guess that you also take the same route to your classes, eat lunch at the same time and place, and maybe even go out with your familiar group of friends on the weekends. Perhaps that's why the social life here seems boring. There are plenty of opportunities to meet new people: join a new club, take a new route to class, ask someone you wouldn't normally hang out with what they are doing this weekend. Get out of your routine and open yourself up to the idea of meeting new people; you'll find others who feel the same way you do and want a change, too. There are plenty of people on this campus, and for that matter, everywhere else you go in life, who want to have conversations about the things they believe in and want to try new things. If you can't find them, it's not because they aren't there- maybe you just need to look a bit harder.

Letters to the Editor

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This letter is in response to Blake Erb's November 12, 2004 Insights and Ideas article on Susan Rosenberg.

To the editor and students,

The decision that will bring Susan Rosenberg to campus as the Kirkland Project's Activist in Residence next semester is undoubtedly controversial and with good reason. It is clear from the November 12 article that the general feeling on campus is that she is not welcome and should not be a teacher.

No rational person would deny that planning to blow up buildings is wrong, but students are being a bit shortsighted in their judgement of her. Contrary to most, I believe she is an excellent candidate to teach a course entitled, "Resistance Memoirs: Writing, Identity, and Change." From the title, it sounds like she intends to reflect on her life as an activist and how her methods and ideas have evolved since 1984. I also assume she will tie in these thems to the modern day world.

It is unlikely that any revelations about her life in the early 80s will be revealed. The class will, however, give students insight into the intense emotion that it must take to believe in something so strongly that you are willing to do horrible things to get your point across. The necessity to learn about and understand extremism is clear.

Students who choose not to take Ms. Rosenberg's class purely because of her dubious past are selling themselves short. If you vehemently disagree with her, or not, take the opportunity to let her know. The discussions in that class will be excellent. Being able to have discussions about the benefits and detriments of ideas is fundamental to the liberal arts education Hamilton provides.

Whether or not you support Susan Rosenberg teaching at Hamilton and whether or not you take her class is up to you. Branding her as a terrorist and deciding not to take her class because of that is just naive. Just like the recent election, most people have probably already made up their minds on the issue, but if you are undecided, please consider what she has to offer you in the way of education, rather than judge her by what she did before you were probably born.

Alex Siegal '04

Letters to the Editor:

Many years ago in 1992, when I was a high school junior at Fordham Prep beginning my college search, I entered my high school's college guidance office and borrowed several college videoguides. I went home and watched one of these videos. It was entitled "Hamilton: A Very Special Place." The video sold me on the tiny, rural liberal arts college. It told of a unique institution that valued the quality of its student body. It also spoke of an administration that was progressive and forward thinking. It even went as far as to discuss the high quality of its committed and dedicated faculty. My, how times have changed.

As an alumnus who teaches and coaches in Pearl River High School in Rockland County — a mere 10 minute drive from Nyack and Nanuet — I want to express my absolute disgust at my alma mater for hiring Susan Rosenberg, a convicted felon with terrorist links, to teach a one month course to the young impressionable minds on College Hill Road. I am not alone in my disgust. After e-mailing and speaking with numerous Hamilton alums in the New York City area, there is a shared feeling of not only disgust, but also of embarrassment over this disturbing news. First, Hamilton names a distinguished professorship after former Hamilton president Gene Tobin, who was forced to resign after admitting to plagiarism. And now this! To quote Ms. Rosenberg as she sat in the back of a police cruiser addressing her two arresting officers, Ms. Rosenberg, "I guess this is your lucky day!"

To my alma mater's human resources division, I simply say, "Are you kidding me?" Might I suggest you follow common practice and perform a background check on your potential guest professors. Certainly you would want the student body, their tuition paying parents, and donation making alums to know that this person stored approximately 700 lbs. of explosives, blasting caps, and automatic weapons in a U-Haul facility. Surely you would want all to know that she was closely affiliated with Marilyn Jean Buck, an individual whos was planning with others to bomb several federal buildings and institutions in Washington, D.C. You might also want to know that Susan Rosenberg was indicated in court testimony as a member of the terrorist organization known as "The Family", which planned various destructive terrorist activities. When you checked her references, you could have even called the families of the two Nyack cops who died as a result of the Brinks heist, which Ms. Rosenberg is also linked.

It's only appropriate that Rosenberg follow Bill Clinton to Hamilton College. She was one of the many questionable pardons made by Clinton in his final days as President — an event that is now referred to as Pardongate.

Since Hamilton College is keeping an open mind when hiring guest professors, I have compiled a list of possible guest professors Hamilton may wish to consider in the future. Osama Bin Laden might want to do a month long lecture on foreign relations. Perhaps the college can call upon Pete Rose or Dr. Jack Kevorkian to teach an Ethics course. Why not have Sen. Ted Kennedy teach Driver's Ed to any Hamilton College student that still doesn't have a driver's license? Or what about seeing this flyer around campus: "Interested in taking a distance learning course? Guest Lecturer Charles Manson will be delivering a one month lecture on Women's Rights via satellite." It's too bad Timothy McVeigh was put to death. I heard he was aching to teach a course on the American Political Process.

Hamilton still is a very special place, but this time it is for different reasons. For years, I wondered why Hamilton continues to hover at or around #19 in U.S. News and World Report's liberal arts college rankings list. Well now I no longer need to wonder. Perhaps I can suggest a new video guide title to entice high school students to consider Hamilton: "Hamilton College: Circus of the Absurd!"

Sincerely,
Jeff Michael

To Whom It May Concern:

As I was browsing through the editorial section of the New York Post, I was greatly dismayed to notice that, once again, Hamilton has made national headlines for all the wrong reasons. Between hiring a professor who openly believed she was the descendant of aliens, and forcing a plagiarizing president to resign, I thought I had seen the last of it. Unfortunately, the college dipped to a new low in hiring the infamous Susan Rosenberg, a convicted terrorist, who is only a free woman because former President Clinton granted her clemency late in his second term.

The facts are not in dispute. Rosenberg and her co-conspirator, Timothy Blunk, were convicted of carrying 740 pounds of explosives, a submachine gun and false identification (Read that line again). Rosenberg and Blunk never denied the charges. In fact, they claimed that their actions were morally justified efforts to protest U.S. government oppression. We should not forget that we are waging a war against a particular class of fanatics, who like this woman, also believe they are morally justified in committing horrendous acts, such as the taking of innocent human life.

However, I completely missed a fine distinction that Professor Rabinowitz so eloquently pointed out to those who oppose Rosenberg's hiring. She notes that she is an "exemplar of rehabilitation" due to her supposedly acclaimed prison writings and post-prison life as a "human rights, AIDS and anti-prison activist." While these may seem like worthy causes (though I am not sure about the anti-prison cause which, if successful, would result in a windfall for the Scott Petersons of the world), Rosenberg must be held accountable for promoting senseless violence. As Professor Klinkner explains, "You have to remember Susan Rosenberg was not convicted for a r nor violation of the law. She clearly has a history of violence."

Unfortunately, it appears that Professor Rabinowitz has confused academic freedom with the freedom of convicted felons to teach some of the best students in the nation. The college must hold someone accountable for this unmitigated disaster. Note that our main competitors in the NESCAC do not suffer from such scandals. Our reputation will suffer if it has not already. Hamilton must not slide down this slippery slope. Otherwise, Michael Milken will replace Professor Bradfield in teaching Financial Market Theory. Surely, such a scenario seems implausible yet who would have thought a convicted terrorist would land a coveted teaching stint at a top twenty liberal arts college?

Sincerely,
Thomas Villecco '04

The following was excerpted from 1) a letter addressed to Hamilton College President Stewart and CC'd to the Spectator, and 2) a letter sent directly to the Spectator. The original has been edited for length with the permission of the author.

Dear Editor,

I am writing to you because you are the Hamilton College newspaper editor. I want to let you know that as a parent of a Hamilton College Junior, the relative of several alumni members, and close friends with many more, I am not at all happy with the decision of the college administration to bring radical Susan Rosenberg to campus as an "Artist in Residence". My opinion is based upon her past actions, coupled with her continued activist opinion. She is not an appropriate role model to act in the capacity as teacher in a higher educational setting.

Many I have spoken with agree with my sentiment. I have been called and have received emails from many people. To date, not one person I have been contacted by has supported the decision to bring in Susan Rosenberg. Among those I have spoken to include a gentleman stating he was a former professor at Hamilton who now resides in Florida, a former Trustee and graduate of Williams College, and the widow and nephew of slain Nyack Police Sergeant Edward O'Grady, one of three who were slain during the Brinks robbery in 1981. Diane O'Grady and John Hanchar, along with their entire family, are sentenced to life without the companionship and love of a husband, father, son, uncle, etc... Wouldn't it be nice if President Clinton could commute their sentence as he did Susan Rosenberg and Linda Evans.

Please take these facts into consideration. I have attended far too many police officer funerals in my career due to senseless criminal acts like those of Susan Rosenberg and her consorts. I work very hard in my profession to protect and serve the community I live in and love, and do so with great pride as do most in my profession. My son attended and graduated with honors from Williams College, and my daughter is in her third year at Hamilton. I have no doubts that our third child will follow in her sibling's footsteps. Financially it has been difficult as a one-income family to fund their education, but we have perservered for their benefit. I am quite disturbed to think that a portion of the financial proceeds from my labor may help finance Susan Rosenbery as an "Artist in Residence." I urge Hamilton College to please reconsider these plans.

Sincerely,
Edward F. Moore
FBI National Academy Associates
New York State and Eastern Canada Chapter

Dear Editor,

I am tired of the irresponsible journalism and reporting that permeates the American media and has now found its way to our campus. I speak mainly of Derek King's article "What happened to the Republican Party?"

Mr. King claims that Republicans were deceived into thinking that their party had overwhelmingly won reelection and had gained seats in both the Senate and the House of Representatives. He also criticizes President Bush for moving away from his original platform in 2000. He also suggests that the Republican Party is a bigoted party controlled by the extremists in the right wing. Perhaps Mr. King should examine his own party first.

Indeed the Republicans did score an overwhelming victory. With overseas and provisional ballots now being counted in the overall tally, the President has over sixty million votes and fifty-one percent of the popular vote. May I remind everyone that our celebrated hero Bill Clinton never received more than half of the popular vote and lost seats in the Congress in every election during his time in the White House, yet many perceive him to be one of the greatest presidents in the history of this country despite that he was the second president to be impeached.

If Mr. King wants to criticize President Bush for wavering from his original platform in 2000 and that Republican voters were deceived in this election, maybe he should look at the Democratic nominee John Kerry first. John Kerry never changed his position on any of the issues during the campaign did he? John Kerry never tried to deceive people into thinking that our economy is the worst since the Great Depression and that the war in Iraq a bigger debacle than the Vietnam War. If you want to talk about deception, John Kerry is a master of this.

Mr. King also suggests that Republicans are somehow bigoted because Christians voted in mass numbers for the President because they are against gay marriage and are pro-life. I thought Hilary Clinton said it was patriotic to disagree, yet Republicans disagree and they are portrayed as the bad guys? Mr. King should learn the lesson of "those who live in glass houses, should not throw stones". If you are not going to tolerate a difference of opinion then do not accuse the other side for being intolerant of homosexuality and abortion.

Finally, Mr. King should examine how the extreme left has come to control his party. Their most recent nominee was the most liberal member of the Senate, the minority House leader Nancy Pelosi is a liberal extremist from San Francisco, one of the current people interested in heading up the DNC is Howard Dean, and their most beloved media figure is Michael Moore and the rest of the Hollywood elites.

Having all this been said, I ask the question, what happened to the Democratic Party? Soon to be former Georgia Senator Zell Miller had it right with the title of book, A National Party No More. The Democratic Party has abandoned mainstream America. Maybe they should recognize that for the past decade Republicans have gained more control in the Presidency, the Senate, the House of Representatives, state governorships, and state legislatures. Americans demand a moderate government, something that President Bush and Republicans have given the American people and will continue to provide them with.

Sincerely,

Brian Kelly

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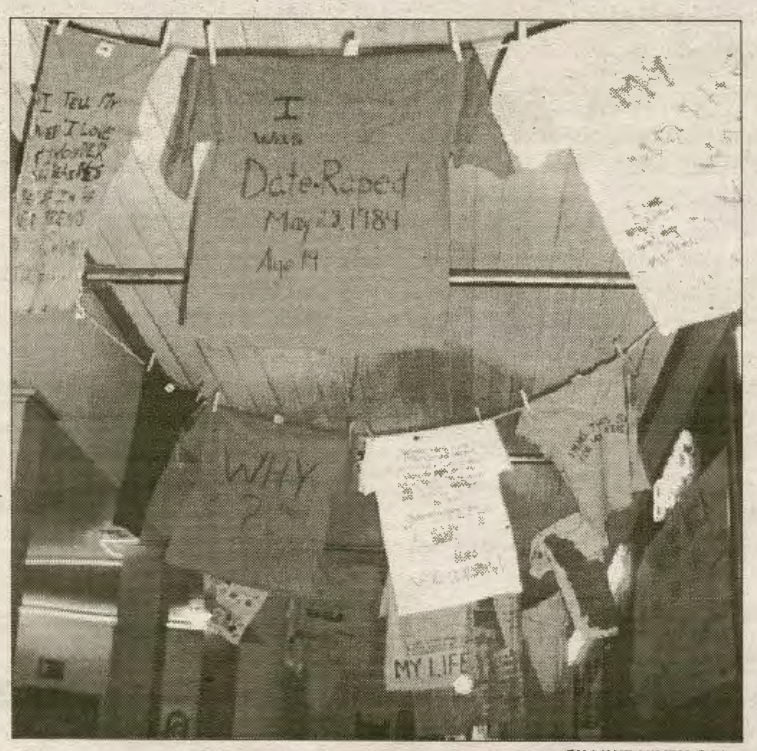
Clothesline reveals abuse

by Katie Childs '08
ASSISTANT FEATURES EDITOR



BY MIKE VIVEIROS '08

SASA sponsored the presentation of the Clothesline Project at Hamilton this week; T-shirts were hung from the ceiling of Beinecke.

Members of the Hamilton community were exposed to the horrors of sexual assault as they walked through Beinecke towards the mail center this week. Colored t-shirts hung from the ceiling, calling the glance of passers by upwards to read the statements written on the garments. "We all kept silent/ don't you do the same thing" stated one; "I was date raped," recalled another.

Students Against Sexual Assault (SASA) sponsored this project, which can be seen until Saturday. The t-shirts were designed by survivors of sexual assault and the family of victims of sexual assault, and served as a way to spread awareness and humanize sexual assault statistics. "The t-shirts that were hung up were all made by members of the Hamilton community," said Lindsey Crusan '05, who helped organize the project.

"Between 1992 and 2000, an annual average of 131,950 completed rapes were committed against females age 12 or older in the United States," according to statistics provided by the U.S. Department of Justice in 2002. To put this number in perspective, that means that every day there are over 360 rapes and that a woman is raped approximately every four minutes.

The Clothesline Project was founded in 1990 by a group of women in Cape Cod, Massachusetts. The idea of designing a t-shirt to show a message was a translation of the success of the AIDS quilt, which allowed victims and their families to create a fabric square. The Project was formed to allow women affected by violence to raise their voices and create a testimony to the violence that plagued them or a family member.

"This event is important because it is a visual representation of the violence experienced by members of our community," said Crusan. "It is incredibly easy to forget that these crimes occur fre

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Students become "hunger aware"

by Danielle Sclafani '08
FEATURES WRITER

The rumble of an empty stomach - -we have all heard it, and felt the pangs of hunger that usually accompany it. We've tried to ignore the emptiness within, hoping they will just go away. But, for most of us, the obscene grumble is more than we can handle. Hunger. It drags us out of our dorms and the library, it takes us away from conversations with friends and our favorite television shows prompting us to search for something to satisfy our hunger.

However, from Sunday morning to Monday evening, many Hamilton students found within them the "prowess" to withstand the hunger pangs and rumblings as they participated in a National 30-hour fast- -one of the events that began Hamilton's HAVOC-sponsored Hunger Awareness Week.

Desdalin Black '06 was one of the students who made it through the entire 30 hours. Her Christian faith helped to guide her in her decision to participate and throughout the fast. "I am a Christian. I believe one of the distinguishing characteristics of a Christian is to care for those in need," said Black. "This might sound weird, but deep in my heart, fasting [is] a way to show that I care; fasting is a way to share my bread with the hungry and to have some of theirs. By fasting I felt the pains of the hungry. I felt it not only in my stomach, but in my heart."

Many of the participants agreed with Black. During the fast, how hungry they were wasn't the first thing on their minds; the face of hunger - -those people starving all across the world - -took precedence.

Ellen Hungate '08 says, "Throughout the fast I was so hungry, but the faces of children less fortunate than me-hungry children-helped give me the stamina that I needed to make it through."

Black added, "Honestly, even though I was craving some food, ending my fast was the hardest part. For me, my hunger only lasts for 30 hours. For the "hungry" hunger is part and a peak of their lifestyles." Sadly, Des is right. The "hungry" in society must deal with the feelings and effects of hunger every day-it is a part of their lifestyle that doesn't go away.

Mary Ellen Beaudreau '08 has been participating in the 30-hour fast for ten years. She says, "I always try to break my fast with the same attitude that I begin it with. Although I was very hungry by the end of the 30 hours, and even though many times I was tempted to sneak just a small bite of food, I held my ground," said Beaudreau. "It's important to me to not take what I have been blessed with for granted. I've seen starving children-it's a very real situation that I think is easy to forget about at small, wealthy colleges like Hamilton. We don't see starvation on this campus - -it just isn't a part of our lifestyles. We have more than enough food, we have three meals a day - -we do something when our stomach feels empty. Millions of people in every country of the world suffer because they don't have the resources that so many of us have been blessed with."

Although many more students started the fast than actually completed it, Beaudreau says that having the right mentality is the most important thing. "It's hard at first, but each year it gets easier."

However, students didn't have to fast for 30-hours to participate in Hunger Awareness Week. Many Hunger Awarenes events took place throughout the week that students could take part in. Indeed, HAVOC has certainly helped bring the reality of hunger to Hamilton's table.

Flyers on the tables in Commons and McEwen describing the different events that took place this past week quote astonishing, but very real statistics from www. bread.org and oxfamamerica.com. One flyer reads, "Not only is malnutri

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THIS WEEK IN HAMILTON HISTORY

20 lights shattered
November 22, 1991

Twenty outdoor globe lights were broken late Saturday night or early Sunday morning, according to Rebecca Reed, Director of Residential Life. The vandalism could cost as much as $2,200.

Reed sent a letter to all Hamilton Resident Advisors urging them to search for a suspect. "We really need to find the person who did this. If not, the bill for the damage will be split up and sent to all students. That wouldn't be fair," she said.

The globe lights appeared to have been shot. Security said they will be replaced as soon as possible.

Evaluations to stay despite grade pressure
November 21. 1975

"By policy, we are very much committed to using the credit/no credit system as opposed to the grades," said Kirkland's Dean of Academic Affairs Catherine Frazer. She explained that only a handful of students require grade translations each year.

When a student is applying to a graduate school that asks for grades, Dean Frazer writes to that institution and explains Kirkland's philosophy. She says that she is having increasing successes in this area in that many graduate schools (and employers) will accept the evaluations.

In some areas, particularly in law, medicine, and clinical psychology, the graduate schools are still rigid in their requiring of grades.

Fast draws support
November 21, 1975

Forty-five percent of Hamilton and Kirkland students went without dining room meals yesterday so that part of the cost of their meals can be used to help alleviate the world hunger crisis. In addition, some fraternities and almost all members of the Keehn co-op participated in the fast, which will probably raise over $700.00.

According to organizers of the fast here, Service Systems management has agreed to let the schools donate half of each fasting student's daily food rate, about $1.40, to the Oxfam-America, the third world relief organization that called for the nationwide fast.

Ellen Dinnerman '78, one of the Oxfam agents on campus, said that almost two hundred more students participated in this year's fast than last year's. "The work we did for the college's first fast last year was realized in the better response this year," she said.

College takes initial steps to deal with drug problem
November 19, 1971

A Hamilton College student withdrew form the College last week after being asked by Associate Dean Hadley S. DePuy to leave or face a trial before the Faculty Committee on Student Activities for selling illegal drugs on the campus.

The Hamilton drug policy states that: "When it believes that disciplinary action is required, the Faculty Committee will hear cases involving the alleged possession, use, or distribution of illegal drugs. Students found guilty of such drugs will be subject to appropriate disciplinary action which may include removal from the College."

DePuy explained that the student involved had been selling "some of the most powerful drugs known." He also indicated that had the student wanted a trial, there were other students willing to testify against him. This marks the first time that students have been willing to testify against their peers before a Faculty Committee.

Second City Tour performs this weekend

by Meghan Horman '07
FEATURES CONTRIBUTOR

This Friday, a Chicago landmark since 1959 will visit Hamilton College in order to give students a dose of political satire and artistic improvisation just in time for the holidays. The Second City, an established landmark and national treasure, is a comedy theater in Chicago that has taken it upon themselves to spread the gift of gag across America via their National Tour.

The touring group will temporarily occupy the Annex in order to preach their highly satirical, somewhat anarchical, yet incredibly hilarious ideas at 10 p.m. on Friday night.

Performances of the Second City National Tour are generally a hodgepodge of the best scenes, songs and improvisations from archives of the best of The Second City. The touring shows also offer special all improvisational shows, customized presentations and specialty productions. The customized presentation to take place this Friday will mostly be a political satire. This promising topic, due to the proximity of the show to the past presidential election, should make light of the current political situation and ease the minds of all you frustrated young Americans. If there's nothing you can do to change the system, why not be able to laugh at clever attacks on it?

The Second City has established the careers of many famous comedians such as Bill Murray, Mike Myers, Tina Fey, Julia Louis Dreyfus and John Belushi. Current performers, according to reviews, have upheld the great legacy of such acclaimed comedians. "What makes the show extra special are the six writer-performers who most definitely have something to say about the world in which we live in, and they do so with a spoofing that mixes life's everyday occurrences with commentary about America's current and former state of affairs" (Tim Sauers, Chicago Reader).

Reviews of the satirical political acts promise highly vast acts constructed with the utmost intelligence and cunning observations of a vast array of controversial topics that have much of the nation in a state of dumbfounded shock. Known for their anarchical comedic approach, The Second City touring act has been complemented for poking fun at any and all institutions including the federal government and corporate America. Thus those who attend Friday night's performance should expect a relief from dull comedy that has become increasingly prevalent in the media.

The founding of The Second City is perhaps one of the most unique aspects of this comedy theater that has maintained its influence in current performances. During the 1950's America was overwhelmed with an unsettling feeling of insecurity due to the Cold War and McCarthyism. Despite the overpowering feelings of unrest and disarray, people in Chicago found a safe haven in The Second City comedy-theater. A group of trendy, creative and intellectual University of Chicago students took advantage of tumultuous national and foreign affairs and transformed them into some of the best political and social satires.

This Friday, The Second City National Tour will provide the same type of comedic safe haven that once comforted the generation before us. The unrelenting creativity and genius utilized by the founders of The Second City comic act have been sustained throughout the decades making it possible for us to partake in the popular tradition of, amongst other things, poking fun at the ills of society.

Students fast 30 hours

*from **30-hour**, page 13*

tion is the number one public health threat around the world but every five seconds, a child dies from hunger-related diseases. Worldwide, 840 million people live with chronic hunger and 8.8 million people die of hunger-related causes each year."

Black believes that Hunger Awareness Week has enhanced her perception of the reality of the effects of hunger.

She says, "I believe Hunger Awareness Week is a small step in the aim of ending hunger in the world. Personally, Hunger Awareness Week made me more aware of what the hungry are going through. Hunger Awareness week reminds me that...wow, each day I wake up is just another day for me in paradise. However, I yearn for so much and fail to appreciate everything. Hunger Awareness Week makes me more appreciative, more thankful and more conscious of all that I have. It reminds me and teaches me to share some more."

Multicultural Open House a success

by Theresa Fisher '08
FEATURES CONTRIBUTOR

After college, there's no turning back- -we all enter the world of adulthood. There are ways to delay the initial plunge into the world of the working stiff with some type of graduate school, but either way, after college no one is a kid anymore. So, college must prepare us to confront this world with the knowledge and wherewithal to embrace our surroundings and succeed. Can one truly succeed if he has only encountered people like himself? No. In this real world every type of person imaginable must coexist, and a complete education must attempt to emulate this situation.

Because the Hamilton administration acknowledges diversity as beneficial to education, the annual Multicultural Open House functions to attract prospective students from all walks of life. This year, the open house ran in conjunction with Culture Fest and took place over the weekend of November 12-14. While in past years, the weekend catered mostly to students from the general nearby area, this year, Hamilton staff sought to give the opportunity to high school students of a much more vast geographic expanse. Thirty-four students from California, Wisconsin, New York City and Illinois all arrived on campus last Saturday afternoon ready for a two-day taste of life on the hill.

While each year a slew of high-school students visit and tour Hamilton's campus, there is a large contingency of students who either do not have the means or ability to visit the campus or have never heard of the school. Hamilton representatives have ventured into areas of varying ethnic and socioeconomic backgrounds, as well as geographic areas that do not typically send a lot of students to Hamilton, and encourage these students to consider Hamilton when applying to college.

Students who wish to attend the Multicultural Open House must submit an application that consists of their transcript and a brief essay. Though the guidelines are not very rigid, Hamilton funds the students' transportation to campus, and wants to assure that the students are interested in Hamilton and are academically competent.

Hamilton has sponsored this open house for many years, and since then, the percentage of multicultural and international students has gradually risen. Hamilton's freshman class of 2008 currently is 6% international and 16% multicultural, boasting the highest amount of diversity Hamilton College has seen thus far.

Nicole Robertson, Assistant Dean of Admission and Coordinator of Multicultural Programs feels that, though the percentages have risen, they do not accurately portray Hamilton's environment. Numbers on a piece of paper hardly represent the actual multicultural presence on campus. Thus, multicultural students visit campus during Culture Fest, a weekend that celebrates Hamilton's diversity, and are able to witness the heterogeneity that is so integral to the community.

Witnessing the Culture Fest not only displays the strong multicultural presence that exists at Hamilton, but also shows the strong support system that the college provides for organizations such as ethnic dance groups and ethnically-orientated organizations like the Black Student Union.

While the Multicultural open house is only a domestic program, Hamilton is also making strides to attract even more international students. Each year, Hamilton sends representatives to an international conference to make more students in other nations aware of Hamilton's excellency. So far this has worked well, as Nicole Robertson explains; over the years, Hamilton has gained a considerable international reputation.

At this point, the Hamilton administration is happy with the progress made towards broadening the variety of students at the school. The fact that the numbers have increased, however, does not mean enough has been done. There will be continuous efforts to encourage diversity, but just as importantly to make sure that the on-campus environment is friendly towards the multicultural community.

Robertson goes on to say that "[it is] great for students on campus, no matter what their background is, to get involved with multicultural organizations and recruitment and to create a comfortable environment for all."

SASA sponsors Clothesline Project

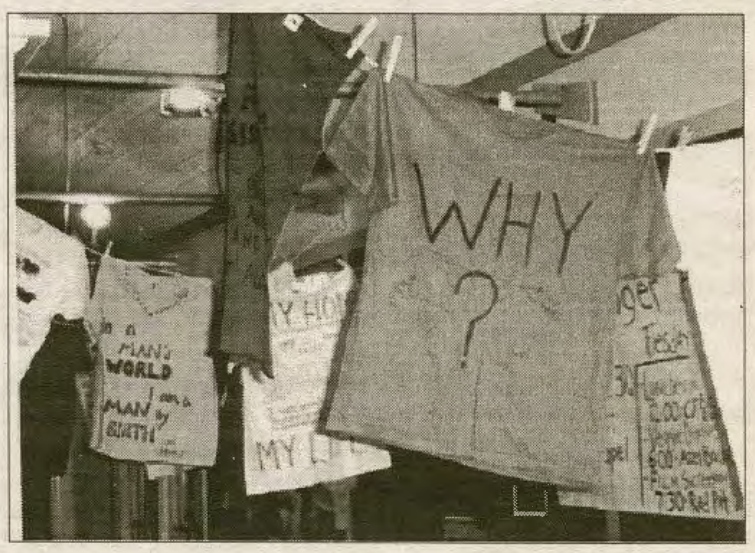
*from **Clothesline**, page 13*

quently, and the Clothesline Project serves a reminder of this."

The messages on the shirts are compelling, but there is another dimension to the shirts: the status of the creator. The shirts are color-coded based on the extent of the violence and the outcome. For example, a black t-shirt represents a survivor who was abused for political reasons, while a white t-shirt would be decorated by the family of a victim who died because of the violence.

The reach of the Clothesline Project has grown significantly in recent years due to increased publicity and awareness about the Program. There are currently 500 projects, encompassing 41 states and five countries. In total, between 50,000 and 60,000 shirts have been created.

Most rapes and sexual assaults are not reported to the police. The U.S. Department of Justice statistics reported that "65% of attempted rapes, and 74% of completed and attempted rapes against females were not reported to the police" between 1992 and 2000. Part of the intent of the Clothesline Project is to show that sexual assults happen everyday and that there is a network of support for survivors. "I just hope that people see it and recognize that we are not as far removed from sexual violence and abuse as we think, and to acknowledge that members of our community are survivors who have had to recover with these crimes," said Crusan. The message on the t-shirts are eye-opening and compelling; one t-shirt's simple statement summed up the feelings of survivors, victims, and observers: "Why?"



BY MIKE VIVEIROS '08

There are more than 500 different Clothesline Projects around the world, encompassing over 50,000 shirts.

In addition to the text, the color of the t-shirt also states an important message:

White: women who died because of violence
Yellow: battered or assaulted women
Red, Pink, Orange: survivors of rape/sexual assaults
Purple: women attacked for their sexual orientation
Black: women attacked for political reasons

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Holiday spirit comes to the Hill

by Meagan Irwin '08
FEATURES CONTRIBUTOR

As the holiday season approaches us and we start to hear the slew of Christmas songs on the radio or see the bright, dazzling Christmas lights decorating houses, we can't help but remember our joyful childhood around this season. As children, we look forward to December and our Christmas traditions months in advance. Whether it be falling asleep under the Christmas tree or leaving cookies out for Santa, it's those traditions that bring back the sweetest memories for us as we grow older.

One tradition that has lived on in almost every family is writing that special letter to Santa Clause up at the North Pole. For years, children have sent off letters writing to Santa of their wish list and good behavior, and the Hamilton Community has decided to get involved. Through Santa Letters, Hamilton students will have the opportunity to contribute to the holiday traditions of the children in the Clinton community and surrounding areas.

Santa Letters guarantees children a written response to their wishful and heartfelt letters to Santa. Children may send a letter to Santa Letters c/o Hamilton College where a Hamilton student will volunteer to respond to the letter. Advertising was completed in the Spectator, through email to student and faculty, and in papers in Utica, Herkimer, Little Falls, Oneida, and Rome beginning this past Monday and Tuesday.

This year a mass email was sent out to the entire student body requesting for volunteers to write back to the children. Those who responded will have their names placed on a mass email list. Letters will begin arriving at Hamilton on Monday November 29. Each volunteer will receive a letter written to Santa from a child, in addition to instructions on how to respond, a piece of stationary, and an addressed and stamped envelope over the course of a week and a half, November 29 to December 10. It is up to the volunteers to respond quickly and mail the letter in order to guarantee a response for the child before Christmas.

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Santa Letters is a great way to heighten the Christmas spirit, not only for the children of the nearby communities, but also for us, Hamilton students. This is an opportunity for us to return a little to the days of our childhood. We were not as fortunate to have such a great program to respond to our letters to Santa, so we should take the time to do something for a child we know we would have all appreciated when we were six or seven years old. It's the holiday season, and the time to give, so get involved; email kchilds@hamilton.edu if you'd like to volunteer.

Platanoes and Collard Greens

A play about the relationships between Blacks and Latinos

Saturday at 5:30 p.m. in the Events Barn

Sponsored by La Vanguardia and the Black Student Union

Freyer '95 auctions his worldly possessions on eBay

by Kristy Hague '05
FEATURES WRITER

John Freyer '95, conceptual artist, PBS documentary maker, snowboard instructor, government major, and Hamilton College alumnus, returned to campus on Thursday to talk about his two year art project call "All My Life for Sale." From 2000-2001, Freyer auctioned most everything he owned on eBay.

Ella Gant, Associate Professor of Art, introduced Freyer. She described him as "allowing his passions to lead his work" and advised students to keep his story in mind as they enter post graduate life.

Freyer was inspired to sell off his stuff after spending a summer in New York City; he discovered that he did not want to return to Iowa City for another year of graduate school. On the road trip out to Iowa, Freyer realized he was only returning to school because of all the stuff he owned there. Thinking he had a job waiting for him at Martha Stewart's website, Freyer decided to drop out of school, sell a bunch of his stuff, and return to New York City.

At the time, eBay was a relatively new phenomenon. However, as Freyer tried to register several domain names like "garagesale.com" and "yardsale.com," he found that all the names had already been taken. After many frustrating attempts, Freyer finally registered "allmylifeforsale.com." Freyer described the project as "changing from one thing to another because of its name." Since his website advertised that he was selling everything he owned, Freyer's project changed from a virtual yard sale into the auction of his earthly possessions.

After securing a domain name, Freyer began the long process of cataloguing, photographing, describing, and posting everything he owned. Literally, everything Freyer owned was inventoried for the auction, including undeveloped film, a half used bottle of Old Spice, an ice cube tray (ice included), lunch box with lunch, his family's Christmas presents (bought by his family for $72.50), his sideburns, and his Government senior thesis. "I wanted to auction things that represented my life in Iowa City," said Freyer.

Since eBay requires a photo and description of the item, Freyer was forced to describe such self-explanatory items as bowling shirts, tables, and toasters. Eventually, he began telling the story behind the object rather than describing it. "I found that I was telling my own story through these object," Freyer said. Realizing that the objects would have a new history with their new owner, Freyer began to contact the new owners of his stuff and ask for updates. Many people sent him pictures, stories, and descriptions of his old stuff. A few people even invited him to their homes to see his old stuff in its new life.

BY NICK LUND '05

During his lecture, John Freyer '95 urged students to follow their interests wherever they may lead.

After selling everything including the domain name, Freyer began a second part of his project and drove all over the country visiting the people that bought his the pieces of his life. Freyer told many stories about encounters with the buyers. For example, while he was a student at Hamilton, Freyer lived in Keehn. Freyer stole many of the cooking utensils in the co-op and sold them back to a Keehn resident 7 years after he graduated. Much in this way, Freyer described the project as "taking on a life of its own."

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"They need to keep me away from eBay," said Freyer as he spoke about his new PBS project, "Second Hand Stories." Last year, Freyer bought a used ambulance off of eBay and traveled across country buying things at thrift stores across the nation. A self-described "second hand tourist," Freyer filmed the experience with video cameras bought in thrift shops and used second hand records for the soundtrack. Originally, he thought he could finance the entire trip by having a yard sale at the end but that yard sale funds did not begin to cover costs. While Freyer's business ventures have not turned out to be very profitable (he netted about $5,000 for selling his life), his art has received immediate interest. "All My Life for Sale" received national media attention and PBS asked for 10 episodes of "Second Hand Stories" after watching the pilot episode.

In his first speech to college students at Iowa, Freyer advised them to quit school if they did not like it and go into credit card debt to achieve their goals. He was not asked back to speak again. While Freyer did not make any such radical proclamations at this lecture, he encouraged all students to follow their interest and see where the trajectory of these interests takes them.

Calendar of Events

Friday - November 19, 2004
Think Tank (12:00PM)
"Nature's Amazing Role in the Organohalogen Controversy" (3:00PM)
Utica/Cornhill Hunger Panel (4:00PM)
Black Student Union (5:00PM)
Hamilton Christian Fellowship meeting (6:15PM)
The Stepford Wives (7:00PM & 10:00PM)
Chamber Ensembles Concert (8:00PM)
Fall Theatre Production "Aunt Dan and Lemon" (8:00PM)
Delta Phi Charity Texas Hold 'em Event (10:00PM)
LateNite (10:00PM)
The Second City National Tour (10:00PM)

Saturday - November 20, 2004
Study Buddy Club (11:45AM)
Men's Swimming and Diving - HOME vs. Ithaca, Hartwick, SUNY Geneseo (12:00PM)
Women's Swimming and Diving - HOME vs. Ithaca, Hartwick, SUNY Geneseo (12:00PM)
Anime Movie Screening: Millenium Actress (6:00PM)
Dave Holland Jazz Quintet (8:00PM)
Fall Theatre Production "Aunt Dan and Lemon" (8:00PM)
The Stepford Wives (9:30PM & 11:59PM)

Sunday - November 21, 2004
West Indian African Association Meeting (2:00PM)
Vladimir Pritsker and Sar-Shalom Strong (3:00 PM)
Women's Ice Hockey - HOME v s. SUNY Plattsburgh (3:00PM)
Anime Movie Screening: Millenium Actress (4:00PM)
La Vanguardia Meeting (5:00PM)
Multi-faith Thanksgiving Dinner (5:00PM)
The Stepford Wives (7:00PM & 10:00PM)
Untitled @ Large presents ALL IN THE TIMING (9:00PM)
Community Church: "A King Named Righteousness" (11:00PM)

Monday - November 22, 2004
The Loretto Center Project (4:00PM)
Hamilton Outing Club Open Hours (7:00PM)
Red Cross Campus Club Meeting (7:00PM)
Atheists, Agnostics and Freethinkers Meeting (8:00PM)
SASA Meeting (8:00PM)
Freethinkers Club Meeting (9:00PM)
Hamilton Environmental Action Group (9:00PM)
Student Assembly Meeting (9:00PM)
Untitled @ Large presents ALL IN THE TIMING (9:00PM)

Tuesday - November 23, 2004
CACC Meeting (3:00PM)
Thanksgiving Recess Begins at 4:00 pm (4:00PM)
Spanish Club (6:00PM)
Men's Ice Hockey - HOME vs. SUNY Cortland (7:00PM)
Womyn's Center Meeting (7:00PM)
Tae Kwon Do Club (8:00PM)
Hamilton Chess Club (9:00PM)

Upcoming Events

Tuesday - November 30, 2004
Bela Fleck and the Flecktones Ticket Sales (4:30PM)
Hamilton College Community and Oratorio Society and Orchestra "The Festive Baroque" (8:00PM)

Thursday - December 2, 2004
Department of Classics Winslow Lecture: Peter White, "Absence and Risk in the Correspondence of Cicero" (4:10PM)
Women's Basketball - HOME vs. Cazenovia College (5:30PM)
Men's Basketball - HOME vs. Middlebury College (7:30PM)

BY BLYTHE WINCHESTER '08

Look how much fun freshmen can have without upperclassmen, or alcohol! Elena Filekova, Taylor Burt, Nikki Barrett, and Annie Harleman (left to right) gave their fellow freshman John Milgrom (front row) some support at the class dinner.

Freshmen Thanksgiving Formal a success

At 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, November 17, members of the freshmen class began to gather at the Annex for the first annual Thanksgiving Formal. Dressed in semi-formal attire, they mingled with other freshmen as live music played in the background. Around 200 freshmen attended the dinner, which was was sponsored by the class of 2008 and the Student Assembly.

Pumpkins, leaves, streamers, and posters gave the Annex a holiday feel. Friends gathered for group photos, signed a Class of 2008 poster, and enjoyed a delicious dinner. The Thanksgiving feast was provided by Bon Appetit; the dinner included turkey, stuffing, apple cider, string beans, bread and pumpkin pie.

Numerous all-freshmen groups played live music throughout the night to a supportive crowd.

The Formal was a chance for freshmen to get to know other members of the class and build class unity. The next class of 2008 event is an all-campus holiday skating party on December 11 from 3-6 p.m. at the Rink.

BY BLYTHE WINCHESTER '08

An all-freshmen band entertains students at the first annual freshmen Thanksgiving Formal.

Business & Economics

Financial market report: 11/12-11/18

by Dave Kelland '05
BUSINESS AND ECONOMICS COLUMNIST

The bulls continued to buy without fear this week, pushing the NASDAQ-100 to a 31-month high. The sellers seemed to be on vacation for the past 4 weeks, as any pullbacks have been short-lived and shallow. The Philadelphia Semiconductor Index, whose options trade on the Philadelphia Stock Exchange under the symbol SOX, rallied 7.7 percent to 446 on technical factors. Also helping the SOX was Intel's rosy outlook for the first half of 2005.

It is possible that fund managers are buying stocks with higher "beta" values, which tend to benefit more from a broad market rally. The SOX comprises mostly stocks with relatively high betas. The practice, called beta-hedging, is a form of market timing. Although these fund managers always remain fully invested in stocks, they allocate money based on their near-term forecast of the market's direction. When they perceive that the broad market will rally soon, these managers buy higher beta stocks. When the investors forecast a break in the market, they buy lower beta stocks so that their portfolios are less impacted by a declining market.

The rally in stocks that began in March 2003 has been accompanied by a rebound in mergers and acquisitions. On Wednesday, November 17, Kmart and Sears announced that they will merge in an $11 billion deal in hopes of regaining market share lost to the likes of Wal-Mart and Home Depot. Also this week, Dow Jones & Co. announced that it will buy Marketwatch Inc. for $520 million.

Gold futures rallied again this week to 16-year highs on a dollar that traders simply could not sell fast enough. The introduction of a new exchange-traded fund, with each share representing one tenth of a troy ounce of gold, is expected to increase demand for the yellow metal in the future. Although only 2.3 million shares were underwritten, the first day's trading volume exceeded 6 million shares. Before this new fund was introduced, investors had to buy futures contracts to gain exposure to gold bullion prices, a process that cannot be accomplished through a traditional stock brokerage firm. This new exchange traded fund will make gold bullion as easy to buy as shares of any common stock.

US Treasury prices advanced this week, despite a Producer Price Index that indicated inflation may return to the minds of the Federal Open Market Committee. The rally this weak "flattened" the yield curve. That is to say, yields of longer maturities, like the 30-year Treasury bond, declined more than the yields of shorter maturities, like the 5-year Treasury note. Because yields fall with rising prices, the price of the 30-year bond increased "more" than the price of the 5-year note. I put the word "more" in quotes because changes in interest rates affect fixed-income securities of different maturities differently. A one basis point, or .01 percent, change in interest rates will affect the price of the 30-year bond three times as much as the price of the 5-year note. Therefore, any drop in interest rates will move the price of longer maturities up more than shorter maturities. After the close this Thursday, the 30-year, 10-year and 5-year rates were 4.80 percent, 4.11 percent and 3.46 percent, respectively.

The US Dollar has been the dog of the currency markets for the past 6 weeks. It has fallen as much as 6.7 percent versus the Yen over the past 30 trading days. An additional fall of just less than .75 yen would put the US dollar at its lowest level against the yen since 2000. The Euro continues to trade near its all-time high of $1.30, and the British Pound stands at $1.85.

Light sweet crude oil prices held their ground this week, trading at around $46 per barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange on Thursday. Many traders believe the ensuing winter's severity will control oil prices in the months to come. On the other hand, heating oil prices rose by over 6 percent after the US Government revealed lower than expected inventories.

Finance 101... so The Donald will never be pointing at you when he says, "You're Fired!"

by Tim Foley '06
BUSINESS AND ECONOMICS EDITOR

Remember how cool "Von Dutch" trucker hats were... last year? They came in all different colors with really awesome plastic mesh on the back. If you really liked them, you could even buy a matching t-shirt, for like, $45. Paris Hilton, Ashton Kutcher, and even your trendy 13 year-old brother had one. Though I proudly never owned a Von Dutch, I can remember looking at them in Bloomingdale's and asking myself how anyone in their right mind could spend $40 on a glorified Little League baseball cap. I was so sure that within a few months, these hats would be appearing on the "sale" shelves and in clearance stores. If you have a knack for identifying objects, like those one-hit-wonder hats, that will lose most of their value in a very short period of time, you will really enjoy the concept of a "**put**."

Bear with me for a second while I go through the technicalities of a "put." Quoting my trusty handbook, *The A to Z of Investing*, a "put" is "an option contract for the right to sell a certain security at a certain price within a certain time. Investors in puts expect the price of the underlying security to go down." Simply stated, a "**put**" is a type of bet which grants one party the right to sell something at a certain price to the other party. To really understand, let's go back to those trendy Von Dutch hats or any other fashion item you can think of that is now about as cool as acid-washed jeans.

Imagine Jimmy and Lizzy strolling through Sangertown Square Mall on a Sunday afternoon. They see a movie, grab some Chalupas from Taco Bell, and then hit the stores in search of some winter attire. While shopping, they pass through a certain store selling these Von Dutch hats for a modest $40. Jimmy runs over to the display and starts looking through the selection. He finds a green hat with red writing and a matching t-shirt and wrist band. Turning to Lizzy, he says, "I will be the coolest kid at Hamilton College and get all the ladies if I wear this out to a Bundy Party."

Lizzy is already tearing up with laughter. She states, "Those things are dumb. I bet they will be out of style and worthless within a few months, after Paris Hilton stops wearing them." But Jimmy, very confident in his fashion sense rebuts, "Lizzy, I like you, but you are wrong. Von Dutch hats are the coolest and always will be, no matter what happens to Ashton or Paris. Furthermore, I think they will be selling in the stores for $40 for months, no, years to come."

Besides knowing a fad when she sees one, Lizzy never misses an opportunity to make some extra money. She asks. "Jimmy, you think Von Dutch hats will still be selling for $40 in one year?" Jimmy replies, "Lizzy, how could icons of American culture like Paris and Ashton be incorrect? I'd be willing to bet money that these hats will still be worth $40 in a year."

Lizzy thinks for a minute and proposes a deal. "Jimmy," she says, "why don't we have a little fun here? I believe the hat's price will drop in one year's time, and you think the hat's price will stay the same. In one year, I will sell you a Von Dutch hat at a price of $40, no matter how much they are selling for in the stores. So, in effect, I am asking for the right to sell you a Von Dutch hat for $40, exactly one year from today. Because you are taking a risk here, I will pay you $5 right now."

Because Lizzy is paying Jimmy $5 today, she is in control of the deal. If, as Jimmy predicted, Von Dutch hats become outrageously popular, causing an increase in their price, Lizzy will take no action. She would not want to buy a hat for $50 and sell it for just $40, so she will not exercise her right to sell Jimmy the hat, thus losing her $5.

If the hat's price one year from now falls within $35 and $40, Lizzy will exercise her right to sell the hat to Jimmy, but she will not make a profit. Pretend the hat is retailing for $37 in a year. Lizzy would buy it from the store for $37, and sell it to Jimmy for $40. The $3 she made would be offset by the $5 payment she made to Jimmy a year ago.

Now, suppose Lizzy is 100 percent correct in her assertion and the once fashionable hat is now selling for just $15 in Billy's Bargain Basement. Lizzy would obviously exercise her right to sell the hat to Jimmy for $40. She goes to Billy's Bargain Basement, buys the hat for $15, and immediately resells the fashion dinosaur to Jimmy for $40, locking in a $20 profit ($40 from selling the hat to Jimmy, minus the $15 she bought it for, minus the $5 initial payment to Jimmy).

Jimmy has few choices in the matter. He will initially receive his $5 no matter what happens to the hat's price in a year. If the hat's price exceeds $40, Lizzy will take no action, and Jimmy will be $5 richer.

If the Von Dutch hat fetches less than $40 in one year, we can assume that Jimmy would no longer want it, and sell it immediately because it isn't so damn cool anymore. Imagining the hat is worth $37 in a year, Lizzy would buy it for $37 and sell it to Jimmy for $40. Jimmy would immediately resell it for $37, making a $2 profit on the entire deal ($40 paid to Lizzy for the hat, $37 revenue from reselling the hat and $5 he was initially paid).

Finally, if the hat's value falls below $40, Jimmy will lose money and hopefully learn how to dress. Assuming the hat falls to $15, Lizzy will buy it and sell it to Jimmy for $40. Jimmy will turn around and sell it for $15, probably to a Backstreet Boy, losing $20 on the deal ($15 revenue from reselling the hat, plus $5 paid initially by Lizzy, minus $40 he paid for the hat).

Becuase there is really no market for over-priced, out of style fashion items, grown men and women do the same exact thing as Lizzy and Jimmy, but with stocks.

With a **put** the $5 Lizzy paid to Jimmy at the outset of the deal is called the **premium**. The $40 cut-off price is called the **strike price**. Because Lizzy paid the **premium** to Jimmy, she is said to be the **buyer**, while Jimmy is the **seller** of the **put**. The **put's expiration date** is represented by the one year Lizzy and Jimmy agreed upon. Rather than a crappy hat as the underlying item of the bet, a **put** is a bet on 100 shares of a certain stock.

If you are feeling particularly pessimistic about the future of Martha Stewart's company, Martha Stewart Omnimedia, you may want to buy a put with a strike price of $18, and a premium of $200.

If Martha's stock rises above $18, you would not take any action, and lose your entire $200 premium.

Hopefully, the stock will fall during the life of the put. If Martha's company takes a dive because she possibly partook in some illegal activities, you might make some big money.

If the stock ended up at $17 come the expiration date, you would lose $100 on the deal. However, for every dollar Martha's stock dipped below $16, you would be $100 richer.

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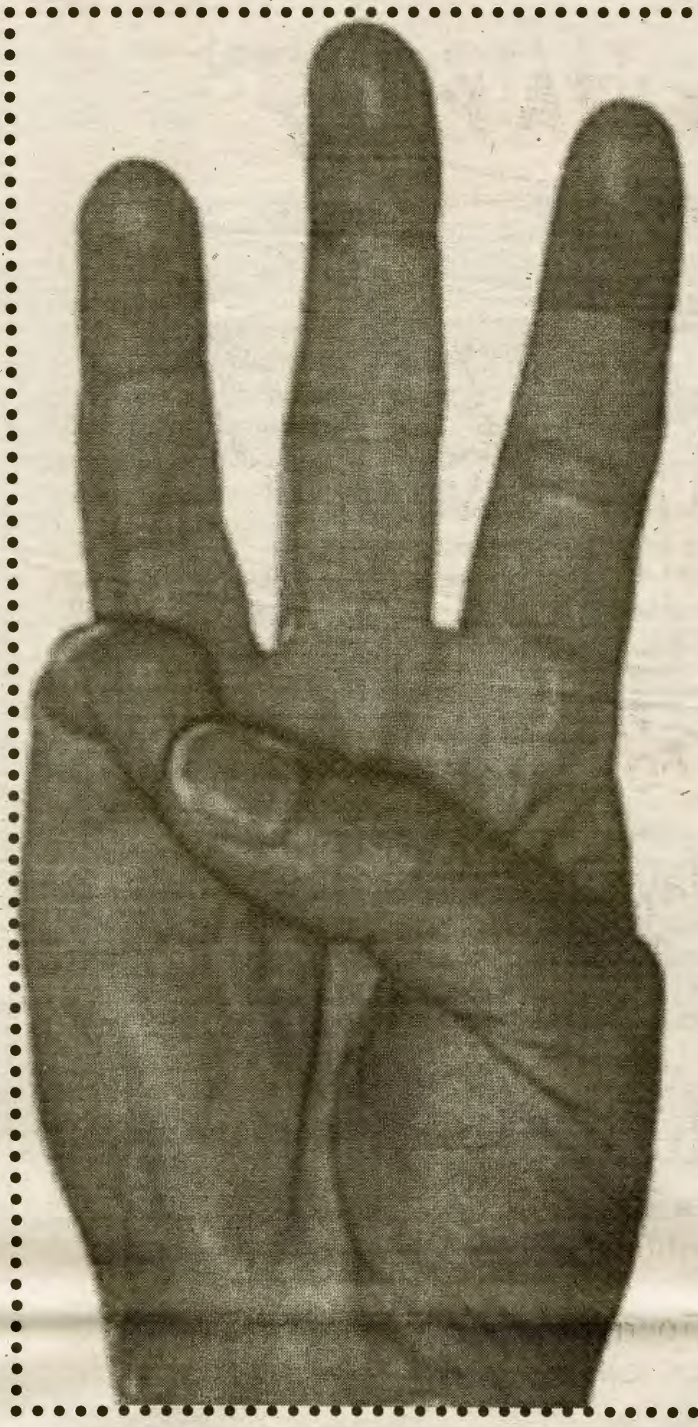

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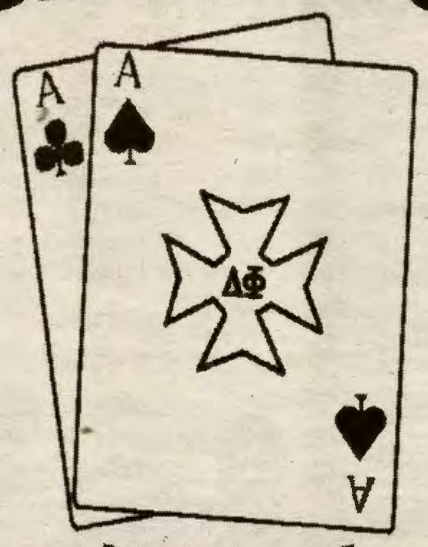

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Arts & Entertainment

Dave Holland Jazz Quintet to perform in Wellin Hall

by Michelle Reiser-Memmer
PERFORMING ARTS AT HAMILTON COLLEGE

Hamilton College Performing Arts continues the Contemporary Voices and Visions Series with the Dave Holland Jazz Quintet on Saturday, Nov. 20 at 8 p.m. at Wellin Hall in the Schambach Center for Music and the Performing Arts on the campus of Hamilton College.

With decades of experience and Grammy Awards under his belt, bassist, composer and band leader Dave Holland is one of the best-known names in modern jazz. His current quintet featuring Chris Potter on saxes, Robin Eubanks on trombone, Steve Nelson on vibes, Holland on double bass and Nate Smith on drums, has been called one of the tightest, most progressive and risk-taking working jazz ensembles on the planet today.

A staple of the jazz world for more than three decades, Dave Holland has attained a new plateau of public popularity and critical acclaim with his current quintet. The group has made its mark by insisting on being "a group" in an age of all-star projects, and by the time-honored route of going on the road and staying there. Itineraries have taken the unit all over North and South America, Europe and Asia, including a tour of China. Despite the individual members' crowded schedules, each of them makes the quintet a priority.

"One of the things that's happening to me as I get older," says Holland, "is that I'm thinking more and more about using the totality of my experience as a player. Something Sam Rivers said a long time ago has stayed with me: 'Don't leave anything out, use it all.' That's become almost a mantra for me over the years as I've tried to find a way to build a vehicle which lets me utilize the full spectrum which includes the tradition, which includes playing the blues, which includes improvising freely. I love all that music, and there's been a desire to reconcile all those areas, to make them relevant, hopefully, in a contemporary context, as one music."

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Dave Holland, one of the premiere names in modern jazz, will be grooving in Wellin on Saturday. For more details call the Box Office at 315-859-4331.

Tickets for this event are $18 for adults, $12 for senior citizens and $5 for students. All seating is general admission.

For more information or to purchase tickets, call the Hamilton College Box Office at (315) 859-4331.

LateNite Movie Trivia a box office smash!

by Andrew Whelan '08
A&E COLUMNIST

They ran out of gummy bears. There, I've said it. That was the only problem with the Samuel Kirkland Film Society's LateNite Trivia Event. By two in the morning there was not a single wad of colored, vaguely bear-shaped snot left in all of Beineke. I know it may seem unforgivable, but believe me, now that the negatives are out of the way we can speak of what these guys got right.

For one thing, the Samuel Kirkland Film Society sure knows how to put together an inviting atmosphere. Surrounding the Activity Barn with movie posters and filling the room with couches created the perfect relaxed mood in which to have a good night. Unlike most other LateNite Events (dance, dance...uh, dance, DJ Skribble dance...DANCE), this one was an opportunity to take it easy for a night. Amusingly hosted by Whit Rothe and Justin Thompson-Tucker, the quiz game was fast-paced, well planned and exciting. Who can argue with categories such as "Movies that end in -ie Hard" or "Six Degrees to Kevin Bacon" lightning rounds?

Whit and Justin encouraged people to clap at every person called up, quickly developing a sense of community amongst the diverse groups present. It got to the point that people were introducing themselves to each other and shouting encouragement to strangers up at the quiz podiums. I dare say had that room been isolated from the rest of the world in a freak accident we would not have started killing and eating the weakest for at least a week. Thankfully, it never reached that point, instead becoming the perfect event for those with a common interest to share a fun evening together.

Of course, at the end of all the mayhem came the free loot. Prizes were dished out by raffle. Raffle tickets were purchased with the money made during the quiz show. Not to be immodest, but I mopped up at the podium, and ended up with over a dozen raffle tickets.

All of these tickets I dumped in the posters section, hoping to increase my odds of going home with the *Kill Bill Vol. 2* poster. While one of my friends sunk his grubby mitts into that particular gem before me, I still came home with several great movie posters. I almost felt guilty winning stacking the odds in my favor by placing all my eggs in one basket and ended up giving several of my posters to other people. Now this may not seem like an important issue, but it is perhaps the highest compliment I could bestow upon the LateNite

*See **Trivia Night**, page 18*

Badass Movie Reviews: *Dawn of the Dead*

by Tim Mudie '05
A&E EDITOR

Believe me, I know how tempting it can be to fall into the trap of thinking that all badass movies are also good movies. Obviously, they have good qualities, like things blowing up and people getting eaten, but these things do not necessarily add up to a good movie. Working hard to prove this is *Dawn of the Dead*, the new version. Personally, I've never seen the original, but I know a lot of people who liked it. Maybe it's great, but if it is then the guys doing the remake sure screwed up because the new *Dawn of the Dead* is pretty damn terrible. And by pretty damn terrible I mean really damn terrible. Keep in mind that this is coming from a guy who loves when zombies eat people.

The plot of this movie, like many badass movies, is pretty basic. Some disease turns people into flesh-eating zombies. I missed the first couple minutes of the movie, but as best I can tell, the whole world goes from normal to zombie-infested in about an hour. They're quick, those zombies. This brings up the obvious question: where does one go to get away from zombies? The mall, of course! Not only can the zombies not get in, but there is everything a small group of people could need to survive, like clothes, fast food and a Best Buy. So, the zombies can't get in and there's a pretty solid group of survivors, including three rather attractive ladies and Ving Rhames, who gives the impression of being able to single-handedly kill all of the zombies. But apparently all the Orange Julius that you can drink isn't enough for these people, who decide that they need to get out and try to find an island to live on.

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The makers of the film may claim that these people are trying to escape from zombies, but don't let them fool you. These people are just trying to get out of this awful movie.

Obviously, the most badass aspect of this movie is the zombies, but *Dawn of the Dead* also features more classic tropes of badass, like tons of explosions. It's like a Jerry Bruckheimer movie, but with zombies. Personally, I liked this movie better when it was called *28 Days Later*, because that was actually a good movie. And here is the main difference: *Dawn of the Dead*, is American. *28 Days Later*, a British movie, said to itself: "you know, it would be interesting to see what the world would be like if something like a zombie movie actually happened." *Dawn of the Dead* said to itself: "Oh man, blowing up zombies sure would be cool." I mean, they're right, but that doesn't make it a good movie. While *28 Days Later* examines people's emotions and how they deal with the crisis, *Dawn of the Dead* examines the various ways that people can kill zombies and get themselves into situations where zombies can kill them. This can be a real stretch, especially when one of the women decides that she has to brave the zombies in order to save her dog (which is trained to return to the mall at the sound of a whistle, something she decided wasn't worth trying). Honestly, I don't care how much she loves her dog; no one without severe mental deficiencies is going to make that decision. Also, there are no rules for *Dawn of the Dead*. Sometimes people become zombies, sometimes not, you never really know. Apparently the zombies don't get to eat, but they never starve. *Dawn of the Dead* is pretty obviously making the rules up as it goes along. You can have zombies and whatnot in a story, but you have to be consistent and you have to have rules. This movie quite simply does not.

Actually, where the movie gets most interesting is during the closing credits. I'm not even joking; it is way more interesting than the actual movie. See, a few survivors manage to get to a boat and clips from a video camera that they have found are interspersed with the credits. Finally, there's some tension, some worrying about whether they'll make it to an island or if there will be zombies there when they finally do. I would have loved to see that movie. Overall, if you like zombie movies... shoot, see *28 Days Later*. Or maybe the original *Dawn of the Dead*. Maybe check this one out if it's on the movie channel, but otherwise, I wouldn't waste my time with this crap-fest. This has been Badass Movie Reviews. Next Week: *The Polar Express*.

Mithat's Gaming Corner Presents: *Halo 2*

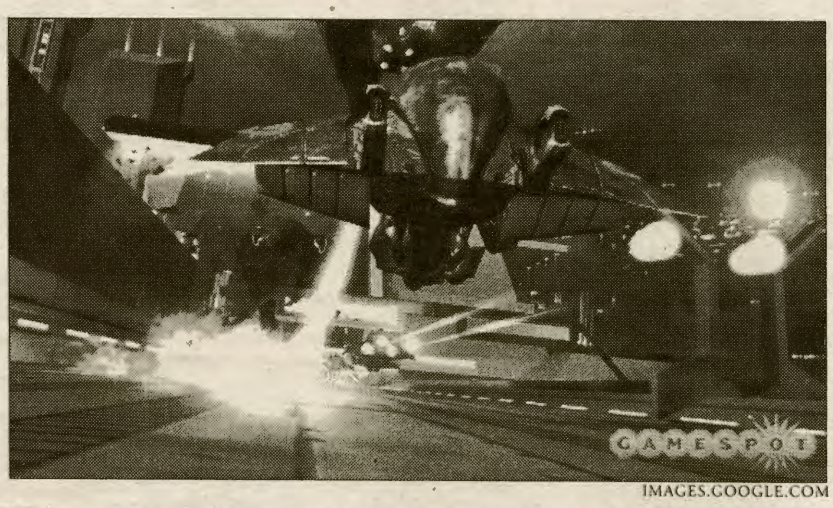
"I personally approve of this game review." - Mithat

by Chris Takacs '05
SENIOR EDITOR

It's here. By "it," I mean, of course, *Halo 2*, in all its long-awaited, highly praised glory. The sequel to what many fans believe was one of the greatest video games ever has hit stores running, selling over 2.4 million copies in the first day. That's $125 million in sales. $125 million, in one day. That means that if *Halo 2* were a country, it would be twice as big as Luxembourg. Granted, Luxembourg is small, but it's still a country, and it's half the size of *Halo 2*. The game lives up to the hype, and to its predecessor, and 2.4 million fans will no doubt agree that it was well worth the three-year wait.

What's new: Actually, not a whole lot, which is just fine. Microsoft is milking the *Halo* format for all it's worth, sticking to its original controls, game play, atmosphere, and Master Chief, while at the same time attempting to amplify the gaming experience by adding a few tantalizing new elements.

The biggest addition to *Halo* game play is your ability to play as a Covenant commander-several levels require you to go head-to-head against the Flood (yes, it's still around-yes, it's still hard to kill) armed only with an energy sword and a couple of grunts by your side (Did he say energy sword?). Ultimately, the designers have done the Halo universe a service by including this alternate perspective to the game, and have superbly integrated the "Arbiter" (your covenant character) into the storyline.



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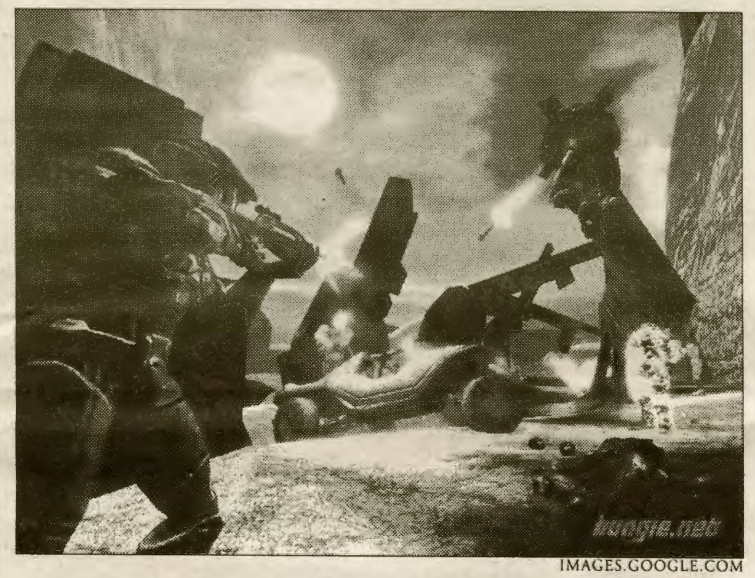
This may look like a pretty intense battle, but it's really just Interplanetary Campus Safety taking out a party. Open containers? Not in *this* galaxy!



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If you can look at this picture and honestly say that this game doesn't look incredibly cool, then there is something terribly, terribly wrong with you and the editors recommend that you seek help.

As if the energy sword wasn't enough, there are a whole slew of other new weapons, including the beam rifle (the covenant's answer to the sniper rifle), the covenant carbine, the battle rifle (both of which are sub-sniper rifles), the sub-machine gun (fills the air with lead), and the brute shot ('nuff said). Further, the Master Chief and Arbiter can dually wield smaller weapons-you can literally spend hours finding your favorite combinations.

Another minor, but endlessly satisfying addition to the *Halo* universe is your ability to board enemy's vehicles and either hijack or plant a grenade on them, adding a new twist to multiplayer action.

As with the first *Halo*, the "Artifical" part of AI *seems* to virtually disappear in legendary mode, leaving you fighting hordes of very intelligent (more so than you), very strong (also, more so than you) enemies, putting your so-called *Halo* "skills" to shame. Go for Heroic-the others aren't even "difficulties," strictly speaking.

The only drawback to *Halo 2* is its lifespan. The campaign itself lasts a surprisingly brief ten to fifteen hours, and while hardcore gamers can no doubt stretch this out to at least twenty hours on the higher difficulties, the game is disappointingly short.

Halo 2 makes up for its short lifespan in its multiplayer, which is, to be straightforward, excellent. Microsoft has expanded the multiplayer world to accommodate up to 16 players simultaneously, and with over a dozen maps (most new), new types of gameplay, new team options, personalizeable characters, new vehicles, and Xbox-live capabilities, you will probably be spending more time playing against your friends sitting next to you than against the campaign's AI. Hook up your Xbox to the LAN and either buy a subscription to Live or call your friend the next dorm over and you are set for a night... and early on into the next morning.

For intensity, fun and creativity *Halo 2* gets:

9.6 Plasma 'Nade Kills out of 10

(Note: Plasma 'Nade Kills are a *good* thing)

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What's the deal with not writing for A&E?! I mean, you've got your art, you've got your entertainment, so why aren't you writing? Come on, people!

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Trivia Night fun for everyone involved

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Trivia Event. I had so much fun, and prizes were in such abundance that I actually gave away, voluntarily, movie posters. As a pretty big movie guy, for me to give away posters is an unprecedented move, and demonstrates just how prepared the Samuel Kirkland Film Society was with their virtual cornucopia of prizes. While admittedly my initial reason for attending, the prizes soon became secondary to the good times I was having with friends and the depraved amount of gummy bears I consumed.

Too often on Friday nights it seems all of the activities available are destroying your liver, or some form of dancing (usually while destroying your liver). The Samuel Kirkland Film Society put together an exceptional program that gave many on campus a chance to do something truly unique with their Friday night.

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Film Fraseology

Andrew Whalen '08 and the Film Production Guild

Every imaginable profession has secret code words, known as euphemisms, which hide their banality or deviousness through a confusing moniker. Just look at our federal government. Care to take a guess at the meanings of collateral damage, servicing a target, spontaneous energetic disassembly, protective custody, intervention or executive action? If you correctly guess the meaning of each word, march yourself down to Commons with your meal card and enjoy a cookie to reward yourself. If you are not amongst these cookie-fetching demigods, just wait for the end of the article to learn the true meanings behind these phrases (how's that for a hook?).

Anyway, my original point, from which I have strayed, is that just like our government, filmmakers have their own set of euphemisms. This week's is a euphemism that filmmakers use to cover up the fact that they do not always have a complete and set plan locked in their heads for how a film will look. Rather it is a gradual process of refinement, which many supposed "visionaries" would be loathe to admit. Which brings us to the...

Film Frase of the Week:

Coverage

Pretentious, Conceited, Mincing Movie Person's Use of the Film Frase of the Week of the Week: I am above needing coverage.

Coverage is the shooting of a shot from multiple angles with multiple cameras at the same time. This way, if one angle does not look good, or even causes a jump-cut, then the next camera's material can be used. Coverage is often used to fill in the gaps in continuity within an edited sequence.

Of course, there are arguments as to how much coverage should come into play when shooting a film. Many filmmakers prefer to keep coverage to a minimum, believing that using the footage takes away from the original vision of the piece. Notable minimalists such as Alfred Hitchcock shot with little to no coverage, preferring instead detailed storyboarding beforehand to ensure proper continuity.

In addition, coverage footage directly conflicts with one of the scales by which filmmakers measure themselves and others. The ratio of footage shot to footage used in the final film is often used as a source of pride by amateur filmmakers. A 3 to 1 ratio is considered acceptable. However, the less extraneous footage that is shot, the more money is saved on the cost of film. Today, in the era of multi-million dollar pictures and cheap digital alternatives, shooting ratios have become more a matter of personal honor than a serious consideration. Nevertheless, many directors will keep coverage to a minimum in order to maintain a lower ratio of footage shot to final product.

Regardless of these quibbles, coverage is still commonly used. While it may be embarrassing for some filmmakers to shoot lots of coverage, it is nevertheless a useful tool to ensure that every moment of a great take can be used.

Oh, one last item of business: civilian casualties, killing, explosion, holding without the due process of law, invasion, assassination of a political leader (respectively).

Why boys think *Halo 2* is awesome

by Allison Kerbel '05
SENIOR COPY EDITOR

As you may or may not be aware, the most highly anticipated event of the year took place last Tuesday. Not the election - that was two Tuesdays ago, duh. And anyway, the election sucked. No, friends and neighbors, on Tuesday November 9, *Halo 2* came out.

And one week later, my boyfriend has already beaten the game.

So have a surprisingly large number of other boys (men? guys?) with whom I am fortunately acquainted. I say "fortunately" because, well, I'm a girl. And while I played a little old-school Nintendo (*Duck Hunt*!) back in the 90s, not to mention the occasional *MarioKart* match on N64 with my little brother, I just don't understand the allure. So I decided to ask around.

Turns out, according to my nerdy friends, *Halo 2* is even awesomer than *Halo* for a few reasons, not the least of which are the apparently much cooler graphics (am I even allowed to still use that word, or is there newer terminology of which I'm unaware?), a more in-depth plot, and (oh, yeah, that's right) the ability to use ... wait for it ... 2 weapons at the same time!

But the really awesome thing about *Halo* and *Halo 2*, or so I hear, is the multiplayer part. You know, the part where you and a few other nerds are released in some random setting (or maybe they're scenes from the game ... I really couldn't tell you) to kill kill kill, and whoever kills the most is the awesomest. I mean, is the winner. And for winning, you get ... money? Well, no. Fame? Not quite (although there is notoriety to be had if you play Xbox Live on bungie.net, where many *Halo 2* fans can congregate and keep track of their scores as they compete with people all over the country). Glory? Yeah, that's right, you get huge amounts of glory.

I've got it all wrong, the boys have told me. Yeah, ok, glory is awesome, but that's not the point. So what is the point?

Well, you know how girls get together and watch *Sex and the City*, gossip and whine and drink girly drinks like cosmos? Or go shopping together?

Take a moment and think back to the SATs, to those things in the verbal section called analogies. You know, blahblahblah is to somethingsomething as that thingamabob is to somethingelse. This is what I learned this week: *Halo* is to boys as shopping is to girls. Boys (men? guys?) play Halo to give them something to do while they sit around making fun of each other, talking about hot chicks and scratching their balls; girls (women?) go shopping to give them something to do while they gossip (and to make sure our butts don't look big in those jeans, thanks).

Oh. Ok. I can understand that.

So play on, boys. Just don't try to talk to us about it thank you very much. Unless your girlfriend starts babbling about the super sale at the Sangertown Gap and the hot jeans she bought. Then you should feel free to tell her all about your extra special limited collector's edition of *Halo 2* and why you're so glad you spent $49.99 on it.

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Science & Technology

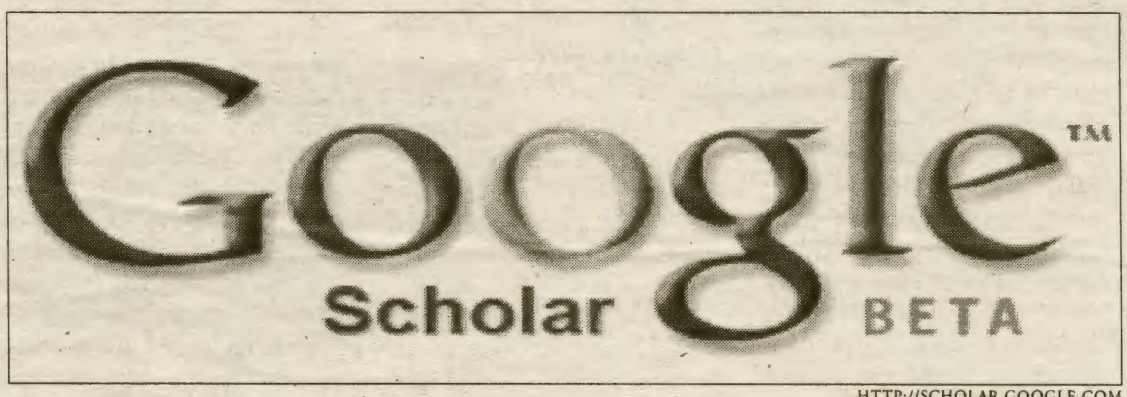
Invisible Cloaking? Spiders? Google Scholar for the academic in everyone !

by Katrina Lexa '05
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY EDITOR

Science students - listen up! Google Scholar just might be the latest and greatest science search engine: more comprehensive than the library catalog's search engine, more in-depth than Yahoo! and targeted specifically for researchers in the field of science.

Google has received wide acclaim in the past for being the most extensive Internet search engine, and many people believe that if you can't find something using Google, it doesn't exist. However, part of the problem with such a wide-ranging search engine is that results are often completely irrelevant to what you were looking for. Countless hours might be frustratingly spent pouring over web pages looking for that one reference you forgot to mark down and need to cite for a paper. The other general search engines tend to be equally time-consuming.

Scirus was released in April 2001. Targeted at scientists, Scirus not only allows investigation of journals, but also includes sources such as unpublished research, university websites and conference agendas and minutes. Obviously the narrowed scope of web pages based on scientific content has the potential to save time and energy. The company's advertisement reads, "General search engines like Google have changed the world of the Internet. But if you're looking for science-specific results, Scirus is about to change your professional life. We've made it our science to filter out non-scientific information."



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"Stand on the shoulders of giants."

But their comparison only looks at the general Google search engine. Wednesday evening, November 17, Google unveiled their response to Scirus. Google Scholar. Both search scientific journal and both are targeted for science researchers, so which is better?

Searching for "Cyclic peptides: the crystal and solution conformation," an article by Italian chemists in 1998, GoogleScholar returned over 2000 hits. The first result was the correct article, which otherwise is impossible to find on a regular search engine or using the Web of Science, Elsevier or PubMed. Scirus returned 72 hits, the sixth of which was the correct journal article. So, which is better? Both are probably comparable, and a combination of the two may work miracles for the scientific researcher.

The About Scirus website informs readers that the search engine explores over 167 million science-related web pages, narrowing search results to only relevant information. In addition, Scirus allows browsers to fine-tune their searches, and a column to the right of search results suggests further focus terms for refinement. When searching, Scirus uses algorithms to rank page relevance based on search term location and frequency as well as frequency of links to a particular page on secondary pages. However, the web browser doesn't use metatags, which can be tweaked in order to increase ranking. The technology is fueled by Fast ESP, produced by Fast Search & Transfer and targeted for specialized search engines.

Science publishing corporation Elsevier owns Scirus. Elsevier is responsible for the publication of over 20,000 journals, books, databases and other science resources. Company executives have expressed a wish for more students to discover Scirus, as product manager for Scirus said, "(Half) of the users of mainstream search engines find the results insufficient or irrelevant for their (science-related) assignments." SearchEngineWatch, a company created to provide information about search engines including tips, tricks and rankings, awarded Scirus the title of best specialty search engine in 2001.

On the other hand, Google Scholar's webpage doesn't cite how many articles and other resources their brand-new engine browses. Google's new service lists scientific citations, full text articles and ways browsers might find scientific resources that can only be found offline. Google Scholar features a Library Search and Web Search link appearing next to the citation it has found. Library Search actually looks for libraries near you whose catalog includes the book or paper you want. This program, operated through OpenWorldCat was also incorporated into a new brand-new Yahoo toolbar released earlier this week.

Results are ranked in the same manner general Google Web Search results are ordered. Relevancy to the query term takes into account the article's full text, authors' names, publication source and frequency of citations in other articles. It is possible for search results to return citations that only appear offline because Google Scholar automatically extracts all citations, listing each as a separate result.

Editor of SearchEngineWatch Danny Sullivan writes, "Google has worked with publishers to gain access to some material that wouldn't ordinarily be accessible to search spiders, because it is locked behind subscription barriers." Invisible web pages, ordinarily unreturned by general search engines are now available to the average person, but for a price. Browsers must have a subscription to the publishing company in order to view the full text behind these invisible links. While Google is not receiving profit for new subscriptions that may result from Google Scholar searches, this could be quite problematic for the average person interested in science. Howvever, Google Scholar does require that publishers allow researchers to view an abstract of any articles they find using the search engine. Fortunately for Hamilton, our library has a subscription to most of the major scientific journals, so Google's spider searching can only enhance web researching.

The company has decided to forgo including advertisements in the initially stages of its new server. However, John Sack, academic publishing executive and director of HighWire Press at Stanford University, believes that commercial advertising would be very profitable for Google: "The commercial reason for doing this is that you can target areas with high-quality, high-payback ads. An advertisement that goes next to an article on cloning techniques is probably going to be for services that are pretty expensive."

Anurag Acharya, project engineer and creator of Google Scholar said part of his motivation stemmed from a desire give back to the academic research community from which he believes has been a strong supporter of Google. The search engine is also a way to universalize the world's scientific literature, making it available to anyone who might profit from its resources. "We don't know where the next breakthrough will come from," said Acharya, "We want everyone to be able to stand on the shoulders of giants."

Google Scholar is only the beginning of the competition that market analysts believe to be coming for Scirus and other free "vertical" search engines, said Sullivan. Yahoo's relationship to academic publishers through its Content Acquistion Program should hasten the coming competition, since all the company must do is provide an engine specific to the academic material to which Yahoo already has access.

For further explanation and reading on Google Scholar, Sullivan recommends reading Big News: "Google Scholar" is Born on ResourceShelf. Co-authors Shirl Kennedy and Gary Price praise the new search engine while simultaneously listing other citation tools available to the public.

Geek of the Week

Helena Grabo '06

by Jonathan Rees '06
SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY EDITOR

Name: Helena Grabo
Major: Chemistry
Minor: Baking cupcakes
Hometown: Guilford, CT
Martial Status: taken
Do you have any après Hamilton Plans? To discover the meaning of the word après.
What is your favorite element and can you explain why? Erbium, but I cannot remember why.
Who would win in a fight, kinetics or thermodynamics? Depends on the temperature.
What's cooler than being cool? Ninjas.
What's colder, absolute zero or a January night on the hill? Depends on how much ethanol you've consumed.
If you could be anyone on campus, who would you be? Gus #21.
Favorite chemical reaction type? SN2 backside attack with a large, charged nucleophile.
With whom would you rather take on a date, potential energy or kinetic energy? Kinetic energy because potential energy isn't going anywhere.
Favorite piece of lab equipment? Schlenkware, it oozes coolness.
Is it true that blonds have more fun, even in the lab? Yes, buometimes it burns.
Which element would you least like to fight? Mercury.
Have you ever contemplated making a bong from a double-barrel flask? Yes, but I never inhaled.

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Geek of the Week presents Helena Grabo (left) and friend Kristen "Iron" Sherry (right) sporting their normal, everyday styles.

Mathematical perspectives on painting

by Alexandra Sear '05
MANAGING EDITOR

Have you ever looked at a painting and marveled at how realistic it looked? Ever seen a Renaissance street that you swear you could walk down? And ever been in a museum, and just not understood a painting's appeal at all? The reasons for all of these have a surprising common basis: mathematical perspective.

This Thursday, Annalisa Crannell, a Mathematics professor from Franklin and Marshall College, gave a colloquium to a large group of students and professors on "Math and Art: the Good, the Bad, and the Pretty" where she spoke about all the above while entertaining the crowd with interactive examples.

Mathematics is hidden in many paintings, especially ones from the Renaissance, when artists first started to understand how we see things. Earlier artists like Da Vinci didn't understand light waves or photons, and thought that the eye literally reached out somehow and made contact with the objects we see. But when artists learned about lines of vision, they realized that geometry dictates why distance matters in the size of objects.

Soon artists learned enough mathematics to know that the reason far away objects appear smaller is because they subtend a smaller angle with our line of vision.

Perspective lines are what make paintings of buildings look more like actual objects and than like plain cube blocks. If you stand on a street and look down the lines of buildings, watch where the rooftops and street converge: this is the vanishing point of the painting. Interior paintings also use perspective, as the lines connecting windows and doorframes all converge at one or two points.

Albrecht Durer's etchings are one of the best examples of artists' use of perspective lines, as "he really loved geometry," Crannell said. Durer's early work looks flat, but by the 1520s his etchings displayed complicated perspective, and in 1525 he authored a book on how to use perspective.

Perhaps more museum curators and historians should have read it, because Crannell highlighted our era's misunderstanding of how perspective works in a painting. Often in museums paintings look dull, flat and uninteresting– hardly something that draws us in. This is because we are standing in the wrong place. Every vanishing point starts from an eye placement and recedes into the distance, so we have to stand where the artist placed their perspective eye for the perspective to make sense.

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Close one eye and look at the painting from the "X" with your nose 1.5 cm away. This is the proper viewpoint for the painting's perspective.

Similarly, we have to be the right distance from the painting. Usually, a painter will paint a square somewhere in the painting. Take the diagonal of the square and extend it to meet the line of the vanishing point. This distance is how far out our eyes should be from the painting. Crannell demonstrated this exercise with an 8x11 Durer etching of St. Jerome sitting at a desk. The audience found the optimal distance: about 6 inches away from the middle left edge. Looking from this point, the viewer seems to be literally right in the room, surrounded by the walls with St. Jerome in three dimensions. The change is remarkable, and an attractive but uncompelling picture seems remarkable indeed.

Sometimes this can be a big problem in museum, as some paintings require the viewer to be much closer to the painting than the standard few feet. Or, in the case of "The Oath of the Horatii" by Jacques-Louis David, the painting is so large (at 11x13 feet) that the viewer has to stand above it eight feet away to see it properly. Crannell said that many have called the painting "cold and austere," but that understanding the mathematics behind it can change this. The result is worth the logistic change: the perspective works as the artist intended, creating a much more dramatic and dynamic work. So the next time you're in a museum and see a painting, try moving: it might just, to excuse the pun, give you a whole new perspective on it.

Professor Crannell has been on the faculty at Franklin and Marshall for the past twelve years,, and her main research areas are dynamical systems and chaos theory. She and a colleague from Indiana University are currently working with a grant from the National Science Foundation to write a textbook about this perspective phenomenon in Renaissance paintings.

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Football loses at Bates to end disappointing season

Offensive woes combined with unlucky bounces lead to frustrating finish in Maine

by Andrew DeCastro '05
SPORTS EDITOR

Hamilton College traveled to Bates last Saturday hoping to avoid finishing last place in the NESCAC conference. Bates was hoping to avenge its loss last year to the Continentals, and was successful, beating Hamilton on its own turf, 37-13. Earlier in the week head coach Pete Alvanos alluded to the fact that Hamilton was unable to get a lucky break or bounce against Middlebury. That luck didn't come in this game either, and due to five major plays Alvanos alluded to, Bates was able to take control of the game.

On only the second play from scrimmage, Cladius Zorokong '08 ran 80 yards for what looked to be a touchdown, giving the Continentals the necessary momentum that could carry them through the game. Unfortunately, a lazy clipping penalty, 20 yards away from the play, brought back the run. That penalty seemed to have a snowball effect on other plays, and the overall morale of the team.

The second was a turnover by Zorokong, fumbling the ball which Bates recovered, giving them great field position for its subsequent drive. The other crucial plays that worked against Hamilton all dealt with special teams. Bates returned one punt for over 50 yards and opened their offensive series at Hamilton's own 30-yard line. Perhaps the most detrimental play occurred on a field goal attempt by Hamilton. Not only did Bates block the field goal, but they recovered it and took it the distance for a touchdown right before the end of the first half. Lastly, Bates faked a punt, scoring a touchdown, and "sealed the game for Bates," as Alvanos commented.

On a good note, free safety Matt Pitarresi '08 returned an interception 31 yards for a first quarter touchdown. In addition, Pittaresi was an Honorable Mention selection in the Eastern College Athletic Conference Northeast Region's weekly awards for his performance against Bates. He was also credited with 11 tackles, including a team-high five solos. Pitarresi was also named the NESCAC Rookie of the Week. Chris Slama '05 led the Continentals with thirteen tackles in his final game as a Continental. Nate Harris '07 and Matt Hartnett '07 each had a sack in the losing effort.

Offensive, usually the strongest facet of Hamilton's game, was extremely inconsistent throughout. Hamilton was only able to muster up a total of 45 yards on the ground; no back was able to average over three yards a carry. Quarterback Brandon Holtslag '06 only completed 15 of 36 passes for 160 yards, threw two interceptions, and was sacked six times. In his final game, wide receiver Sean Thorsen '05 caught a career-high nine passes for a game-high 96 yards. Joe Rinaldo '08 chipped in with nine catches for a career-best 92 yards..

The major bright spot for the Continentals offense was during the last five minutes of the game, when Greg Livigne '05, Mike "el Gato" Osborne '05, and Rob "the bulldozer" Kuchar '05 came out for Hamilton's final offensive series and led the offense to its only touchdown of the game. Livigne was 7 out of 8 with one touchdown pass. Although Kuchar had no carries and no receptions, his blocks during the final series gave Livigne those extra crucial seconds to complete his passes.

Alvanos commented briefly on what he told the players after the game. "The first thing I did was apologize to the seniors for not getting them more wins during their time here. That's going to bother me for awhile. The other thing I did was challenge the returners for next year. It will be an interesting off-season, because I am curious to see how dedicated these returning players will be."

Alvanos has already begun dissecting every play of every game and has pledged to "get it done" next year. He admits there is a lot of work to be done. In his opinion, the final record is not indicative of the players and ability of the program. After jokingly remarking about the ups and downs of the season, he emphatically said that he is committed to finding an answer for next season, and that process started on the bus ride home from Bates. With a solid core of returning players, including three of the four captains, Hamilton should be looking forward to next year.

Men's soccer eliminated

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came off a penalty kick at the 17:33 mark of the second half. Anthony Tripicchio '06 and Lars Hedberg '05 split time in goal for Hamilton and combined for six saves.

Despite the loss, the Continental soccer squad had a very impressive 2004 season. Not only did they enjoy a fifth straight double digit win season, but the senior class got a serious monkey off their back by beating St. Lawrence University in the finals of the Liberty League playoffs. This is a team that was led by senior tri-captains Robbie Wang, Jake Shapiro, and Michael Signorelli. Robbie Wang was named to the second team All-Liberty League team on defense.

On a bright note, the team will return their top three leading scorers in Greg Rogan '07, Ian Hildebrand '07, and Zach Kelly '07, all sophomores who allowed the soccer program to take a major step this past season. Rogan finished his impressive twenty point season with a first team All-Liberty League forward selection. Also returning will be the outstanding goaltending of Anthony Tripicchio, who seemed to be a lock for the weekly defensive performer award each and every week this past year.

There is no doubt that the Continentals have the building blocks going into next year to make another great run and defend their Liberty League crown. The junior class is stocked with leadership, the sophomore class has plenty of talent, and the freshman class earned some valuable experience this past year. From here on, it's a question of establishing an identity early on and carrying that identity throughout the season.

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Winter Sports Previews: Men's and Women's hockey

Men's hockey hopes to overcome loss of six seniors

by Andrew Dassori '07
SPORTS WRITER

The gray skies are coming, and the rain is turning to snow, but fortunately along with the bad weather comes a new exciting hockey season for Hamilton College. With the ice in the Sage Rink down and the final cuts made, Continental Hockey hopes to add another brilliant chapter to its already impressive history.

Last year's team continued Hamilton's winning tradition with their 12th straight trip to the conference playoffs under the guidance of head coach Phil Grady, who last year became the winningest hockey coach at Hamilton since the program was founded in 1918. Though last year's season was cut short by perennial powerhouse Middlebury College, the team did put up a great fight and finished with 15 wins and six votes in the final USCHO.com Division III Top 15 poll last season. Though they graduated six seniors, including Jeff Corey, Tom Ditzer, and Scott Gordon who all currently play in professional leagues, the team's outlook is optimistic for this season. "We graduated some guys with some great leadership and great character, but you graduate every year and you always have to get over that," said coach Grady. He added, "now is just the time for everyone to step up into their new roles."

Fortunately, this is exactly what the players plan to do, as there is plenty of experience among the team's 23 players. According to coach Grady, "14 freshmen and sophomores played on a regular basis last year, now those are 14 sophomores and juniors who are very experienced." Co-captain Mike Hayes agreed with coach Grady, stating, "there is a lot of excitement amongst the guys, and I think that a lot of us are ready for the challenge of filling in for the players we lost." With the focus and tenacity they have shown in the offseason, the young players should integrate quickly.

And for the men's hockey team, the offseason is where it all starts. Coach Grady takes great pride in his team's offseason work ethic, describing them as "pound for pound, the strongest, best-conditioned, hardest-working team in the NESCAC." This all-out style in the weight room fits well with the all-out style of play that the Continentals are known for. "We use all this hard work to put pressure on our opponents in games," said Coach Grady. He added, "we want to go after people; we play a wide-open style and to do that you must be in great shape and be used to working very hard."

The captains have been the catalysts of this offseason training, and have been integral in making coach Grady's style of play possible. This year, Robbie McNeil '05, Gus Katsuras '06, and Mike Hayes '06 will be leading the Continentals into battle, and coach Grady is very pleased with these selections. "The captains all have strengths, but different strengths that compliment eachother," said coach Grady. "It is very hard for a goalie to be

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Junior captain Mike Hayes (7).

captain due to the individual mental preparation needed before games and the nature of the position, but Robbie has done a great job and is a great leader." Of Katsuras, Coach Grady remarked, "Gus is the show me guy. He goes out and does it on the ice." And last but not least, Grady could not speak more highly of Mike Hayes: "Mike is the locker-room guy who leads by example. He's the example we want all of our guys to follow."

Captains aside, there are a number of other players who look to make an impact this year for the Continentals. In goal, Gabe Tash '06 will combine with McNeil to form "the best one two combination in the league," according to Grady. Sophomore stud Chris Clarkson will unite with Hayes and Katsuras on the speedy first line which is sure to create mismatch problems for other teams' defensemen. Hamilton's defense will be lead by returners John "the Legacy" Gordon '07 and Richard Reichenbach '06, who look to fill the void left by some of last year's seniors. And don't be surprised to see a few freshmen on the ice making an impact for the Continentals, as Joe Buteau, John Peros, Nate Miller and Matt Sherban have all made it past the final cuts. Coach Grady explained, "all four of these guys should be playing on a regular basis, and we look forward to them stepping up into their roles." With talent like this, who knows where the Continentals could wind up come the end of the season.

As for goals, the team has had them set from day one. "Our goal is the same every year," explained Grady. "We want to make the NESCAC playoffs, and our ultimate goal is to win the playoffs and get a chance to compete in the national playoffs for the national championship." The team is once again faced with a tough schedule and must compete against some of the best competition in Division III hockey. "How quickly we get our game together and how consistent we are day in and day out will determine how we do. The schedule is so strong that we can't take a day off," remarked coach Grady. And with the whole season ahead of them, the team knows what it has to do.

Another hockey season is upon us, and with the team away this weekend with games at Babson and UMASS Boston, the legendary Orange Bowl is rapidly approaching. According to coach Grady, "we have great team speed and great chemistry. Now we just need to get it all together and put it into a game situation, which is very exciting." The excitement builds on the hill as pucks will be flying around Sage Rink when some of the best teams in Division III college hockey will be hosted by the Continentals. With tough competition against Babson and an up and coming team in UMASS Boston, Hamilton's men's hockey team looks to come home for Thanksgiving with two wins under their belt to start off their 2004-2005 schedule.

Women's hockey looks to build on last year's success

by Matthew Bradley '07
SPORTS WRITER

The Hamilton College women's hockey team is prepared for the commencement of the 2004-05 season. After coming off one of the most successful seasons in team history last year, the Continentals are expected to not only continue their success, but improve on it. Last year, the team finished with a record of 11-13-1 and earned a bid for a spot in post-season play. Hamilton ended the season tied in fourth place with Amherst College and eventually advanced to the New England Small College Athletic Conference (NESCA) semi-finals for the first time in program history.

Much of the Continentals' success can be attributed to the hard work of Head Coach Shannon Bryant and her coaching staff. Last year, under the direction of Bryant, the squad set a new school record by winning six-straight games. Additionally, the Continentals earned their first semi-final play-off appearance after a convincing 6-1 victory over Amherst College in the first round.

PHOTO BY NICK LUND '05

Women's hockey prepares for Plattsburgh on Sunday.

The team is returning many of its most talented players from last season. Offensively, Zoë Baldwin '06 and Marissa Halligan '05 are expected to have the biggest impact. Baldwin is the team's leading scorer and earned the NESCAC rookie of the year honors during her 2002-03 freshman season. Halligan led the team with sixteen assists last season while also recording ten goals. The Baldwin and Halligan duo combined with the numerous other talented athletes creates a potent offensive attack.

Sophomores Kristina Carroll '07 and Caitlin Connelly '07 are the two most notable returning defensive players. Carroll recorded eleven points in twenty-three games last season, making her the team's highest scoring defensive player. Connelly will be returning as the goaltender. Last season, Connelly was a force in the goal, supporting the defense by stopping almost 88 percent of the shots she faced.

With several talented Continentals returning both offensively and defensively, the squad is expected by many to have an even more successful season than last year's. In a recent preseason poll by United States College Hockey Online (USCHO), the Hamilton women's hockey team received a nomination to receive a national ranking. While the Continentals did not quite make the poll's top ten, their opening game may determine their place among the best of Division III women's hockey.

The team's season-opener is on Saturday, November 20 against third-ranked Elmira College. A victory over Elmira could elevate Hamilton to a position among the league's best. The Continentals are slated to play four teams which are ranked in the top ten by USCHO.com. Middlebury, SUNY Plattsburgh, and Elmira are ranked first, second, and third respectively. Additionally, Bowdoin College is ranked seventh and opponents Utica College and Williams College both just missed top-ten rankings.

Under the leadership of tri-captains Baldwin, Halligan, and senior defender Coleen McNally, the women's hockey team is expected to have an extremely successful season. The returning upperclassmen combined with the solid freshman recruiting class will undoubtedly contribute to the squad's improvement. "We are really excited about this season; we have some new systems and strong new players," comments Baldwin. "We are very optimistic that we can be even more competitive and go further than last year."

Winter Sports Preview: Women's Basketball

Continentals need to overcome key losses to be successful

by Paul Kibbe '05
SPORTS WRITER

The 2004-2005 season brings with it a new year and a very new team for the women's basketball program at Hamilton College. Last year's team only graduated four players all of whom contributed to last year's record of 13-11. The biggest loss will be the tallest player of them all, Holly Erick. Erick dominated the paint last year for the Continentals leading them in both points and rebounds with 11 and 5 a game. The athletic abilities of the other three seniors, Jen Munoz, Larissa Hopkins, and Liz Casey, will also be missed this season. However, while this year's team only expected to lose four players, six other players that were expected to return to the team this year left the team for various reasons. Jill Regan, a six-footer, who was expected to replace Erick in the middle transferred to another school. The team's three leading scorers who were expected to return, Missy Nelson, Jess Gorman, and Kim Beevers, also quit the team prior to this season. Two other forwards who got minutes last year, Anna Joblonski and Liz Longley also decided not to play for the team this season.

When asked about the new faces this season, Erin Daugherty said, "Coming into this season, it feels like a totally new team. We all had to learn how to play with one another all over again and create line-ups that will lead to success on the court. Physically, we are much smaller but much faster than last year's team. We are excited to begin a new season with what feels like a brand new team and have a very positive outlook for what's to come."

Although last year's team finished two games above five hundred, inconsistent play seemed to hamper their success. It seemed like the team would win a streak of games and then lose a streak of similar length. This year's team, while somewhat inexperienced, will need to add consistency both offensively and defensively in order to make post season play in the newly named Liberty League, formerly known as the UCAA. Last year's team was 6-8 in league play, a record which this year's team hopes to improve on in a very competitive league.

"Union will be the powerhouse this year. They are the defending Liberty League Champs. St. Lawrence has a new coach and lost a key post player but is always a tough team. RPI is a very consistent team and always has a strong line-up," said Daugherty, "William Smith has a new coach this season as well and they we always seem to play a good game with them. We also look to be up in the top four and in contention for the post season."

This year's team will be led by four upperclassmen. Co-captain Tricia Czeski, the only senior on the team, is the highest returning scorer averaging six points and three rebounds in 20 games last season for the Continentals. Czeski did not start a game last year but is expected to start at the small forward position this season. She has a good shot from all over the floor and can drive to the basket as well to complete her offensive game. She is expected to put up a lot of points for the Continentals this season. Fellow co-captain, Erin Daugherty is one of three juniors on the team this year, including Alicia Giglio and Jessica Pisegna. All three players saw action in at least 20 games last year and all bring a different aspect to the table. Pisegna will start at the five this season and has big shoes to fill. Although undersized in the league among other centers at only 5'-10", Pisegna is a strong rebounder and can get points around the basket for the Continentals. Giglio is always a threat from the three point line and is very good at taking the ball away from opponents on defense. Daugherty is a very good defender and will be able to lock down players on the other team. She can also shoot from all over the floor and will be expected to as the starting two-guard for this year's team.

The other players returning from last year include Allie Massaro and Maria Garvin. Both of them saw a good amount of time last season in their first seasons of college basketball. Garvin, who will start the year on the sidelines because of a ankle sprain suffered in the pre-season, is a guard/forward who is a good shooter and can also battle inside for rebounds. Massaro is expected to see time this season because of the lack of experienced depth inside. She is a fierce player in the paint both offensively and defensively for the Continentals. Of the six returning players this season, they three starts in the 24 games played last season. All six saw good time off the bench and are expected to use this experience to power the Continentals this season.

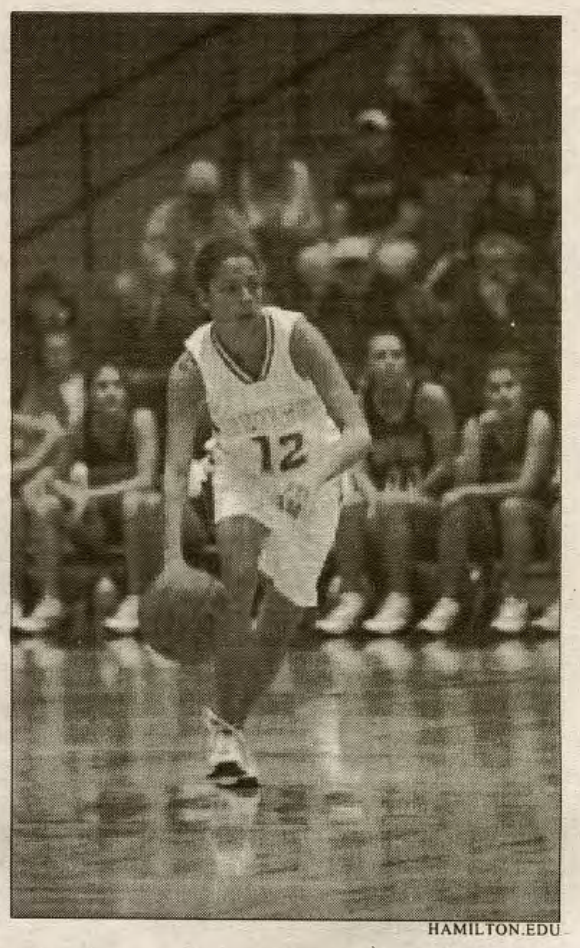
Only six returning players means a lot of open spots which means a lot of new faces on this year's team. Two of the top recruits this off season, Pumla Sathula and Melissa Steppe, came from Charlottesville, Virginia, home of the Saint Annes-Belfield School. This school sounds familiar because it is where Tsakane Ngobeni, a key player on the men's basketball team, played his high school ball before coming to Hamilton. Both players are expected to get a lot of quality minutes on this years team. Sathula, known as "P" to teammates, will either be the first player off the bench for the Continentals which will only be the case when she is not starting at the power forward position. She, like Pisegna, is also only 5'10" but brings power inside the paint for the team. Steppe has been nursing an injury this pre-season but is expected to be okay to play in the first game of the season. She adds depth to the guard position and should be a key part of the success of this year's team. Rounding out the freshmen on the '04-'05 team are three guards and a forward. Kateri Whitebean, Jess Barrows, and Sarah Harrington will help out in the backcourt and Crystal Symonds, the tallest player on the team at 6', will add size to the forward position for the Continentals.

When asked about this year's team, Tricia Czeski said, "The upperclassmen left on the team have great leadership skills and a positive attitude about the season. With that as our backbone and a solid freshmen class, we hope to overcome our set backs."

The women's team kicks off the season this weekend at Colby College in a tournament which includes the host team, Colby, as well as St. Joseph's College and Wellesley College. The Continentals take-on St. Joseph's Friday night and then depending on the outcome of their game will take on the winner or loser of the Colby vs. Wellesley game Saturday afternoon. St. Joseph's will also be playing their first game of the 2004 season when they take on Hamilton Friday night. Last year's team finished 13-12, very similar to the Continentals' record last season of 13-11.

"We are definitely excited and looking to win going into the Colby tournament. After several weeks of playing against ourselves, we are all looking forward to the opportunity to play a real game against another team. This weekend will be the true test for what we need to work on and what our strengths and weaknesses will be this season," commented Czeski.

"We are looking to be a quick pressing team in hopes of keeping our opponents away from the basket. In the half court, we need to front the posts and have a strong help side defense. Offensively, we want to push the ball up the floor and keep a fast paced game," added Alicia Giglio.



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Hamilton will look to Alicia Giglio (12) this season for leadership and her knack for the three-point basket.

On the same note Daugherty said, "Our team's biggest asset is our speed. We are really looking to play on that strength in terms of our offense and defense. Our smaller line-up allows us to run the floor better than last year and press for a greater amount of time."

The first league test does not come until January 14th when the women travel to Potsdam, NY to take on the Golden Knights on Clarkson. The Continentals were 2-0 last season against Clarkson beating them 66-41 at home and then 52-41 on the road in Hamilton's final game last season. Coach Diehl is looking to improve on the record from last season and hard work and team play will be the keys to success for this year's women's team.

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Women's soccer moves on to Sweet 16

Fried's first-half goal holds up for Continentals

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While last year's team most definitely made a name for Hamilton's women's soccer program, this year's incredibly young and talented team has upheld that name and led the program into territory it has never seen. Solidifying Hamilton's Women's soccer program on the national level, the lady Continentals continue to raise the bar and move through the postseason tournament. With their win over Stevens Tech this past week, the team has moved on to the Sectional semifinal, a game in which no previous Hamilton Women's Soccer team has ever participated.

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Hamilton hopes to upset defending champ SUNY Oneonta and avenge its earlier 4-2 loss.

Stevens Tech presented quite a challenge for the team, but in the end, the Continentals came out on top. A goal by super sophomore Jamie Fried was all they needed to come out with the victory. "When the goal that was scored, there was a scramble across the box and Kim Bauer took it out of the congestion and passed it off nicely to Jamie," explained coach Gilligan. Coach Gilligan felt that the team "had some opportunities in the second half that [they] should have converted on," but overall, they "played better in the final 45 minutes." The defense, a constant strength on the team, once again played well. According to Coach Gilligan, "our defense was solid and Liz Roberts was outstanding. Defensively she's just really solid for us and when we go out on offense she is great at calming things down. Her decision-making under pressure is excellent." In the net, Caitlin McGilley recorded yet another shutout, and Coach Gilligan spoke highly of her performance, stating, "Caitlin had a very good game, she has just been solid and given us what we needed while playing injured half the time."

Preparation this week has been much easier than the last couple of weeks due to the improvement in weather, Coach Gilligan explained, "weather has been a lot better and we've been able to get out there. Our practices have been shorter with less daylight and a lot of academic commitments this week, but they are still very focused on the task at hand." Having already played Oneonta during the regular season, the team knows what to expect and shouldn't have trouble figuring out their opponents' style of play. "We pretty much know what they are going to bring to the table, it is just stopping them at doing what they do well," said Coach Gilligan. She added, "without question everyone that is playing has to have a very strong game for us to win. I don't think the girls are looking at them as defending national champions, they are looking at them as just another team that they have to get past in order to move on to the next level. Because we played them in the regular season we are not in awe of them, we know we can beat them."

And with all this in mind, the team will travel to Oneonta this Saturday for an 11:00 showdown. On the season thus far, Coach Gilligan explained: "I think the girls have just done a very good job of taking it one game at a time, one opponent at a time. We have really good team chemistry and I think that has really helped us. Our players have done a great job at being consistent."

We can only hope that the team can keep this consistency and overcome the Red Dragons, and, with the support of their school (for fan bus information contact Kim Hutchins in the Athletic Department), move on to another unprecedented level in the NCAA playoffs.

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The Continentals will look to continue their fine play this Saturday in the NCAA Tournament's Sweet 16.

Men's soccer bows out of NCAA Tournament

Season comes to a halt in Williamstown with 5-1 loss

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The Hamilton college men's soccer team opened some eyes beating St. Lawrence University in the Liberty League Championship and earning their first NCAA appearance since the 2000 campaign. Unfortunately, the Continentals met their match in the second round of the tournament after earning a first round bye. Playing in Williamstown, Massachusetts, the home field of Williams College, the Hamilton College men's squad watched their season end at the hands of a 5-1 defeat to the Ephs.

Prior to the game, the Continentals knew they were facing off against a very formidable opponent. Williams College has won four straight NESCAC crowns and is currently ranked 16th in the country. Previous to the game, Coach Nizzi commented, "Coming out of the NESCAC, which is arguably the strongest conference top to bottom in Division III soccer, Williams is obviously very strong and playing them at home doesn't make things any easier on us." The game couldn't have started off worse for Hamilton as Williams scored in just the fourth minute of play. However, Hamilton battled back and was able to tie the game in the 17th minute of play. Nikle Guzijan '06 found a good time to score his first goal of the season as he headed in a chip shot from senior tri-captain Jacob Shapiro '05. From there, the game started to slip away from Hamilton and they found themselves in a deep hole, trailing the Ephs 3-1 at halftime.

Despite a courageous effort, the Continentals were unable to produce any offensive momentum in the second half of play and Williams College was able to extend their lead and eventually defeat Hamilton 5-1. The final nail in the coffin

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Hamilton ran into a buzzsaw in the form of Williams as the team ended its season last Saturday with a final record of 11-4-2. However, the future is bright for the men's soccer program.